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Convert Silent Film to Sound

Mission boards and schools, especially, will be glad for this recent announcement by Bell and Howell Co. about their new system for converting silent film to sound.

The new development permits the magnetic recording and playback of sound directly on standard silent film, perforated along both edges.

This can be done for only 3½ cents per

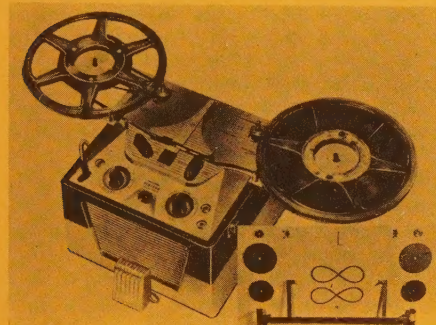
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film foot—the cost of Bell and Howell's Soundstripe service. Formerly cost was about 12½ cents per foot, or \$50 to copy a single 12 minute silent color movie on the special type film.

Also, it no longer is necessary to make a copy of the silent movie on film perforated along only one edge. Heretofore it has been required in order to provide sufficient space for the magnetic sound track.

The silent film exposed in all types of 16mm motion picture cameras (both magazine and roll film) can now be stripped for magnetic sound. Previously only a limited number of cameras handling single perforated film could be used.

Units of the Company's magnetic recording projector, now in the field, can be factory adapted to the new system for a nominal charge.



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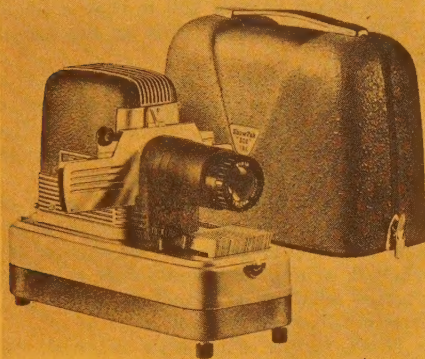
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The Three Dimension Co. will be glad to give you further information on this new projector, which, by the way, also can be used with their Selectron-Semimatic and Selectron-Automatic changers. Check item N89-C.

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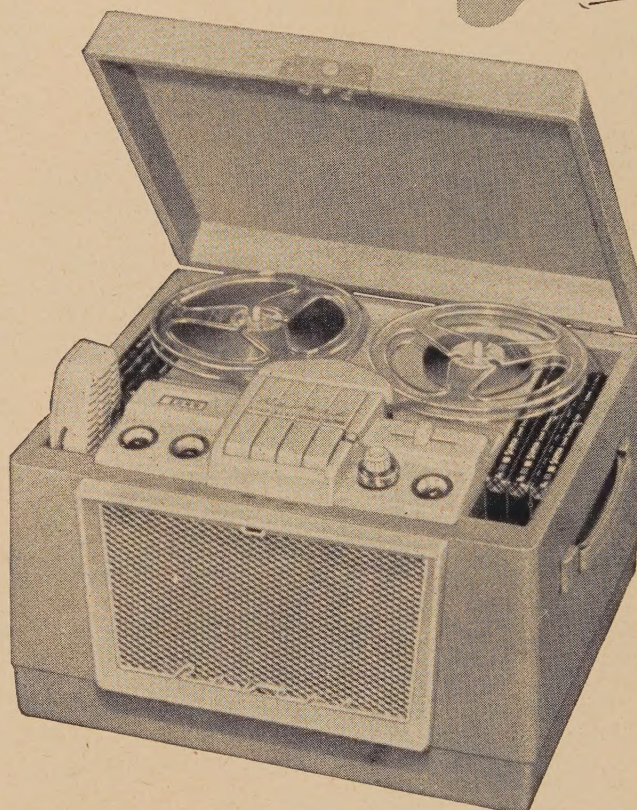
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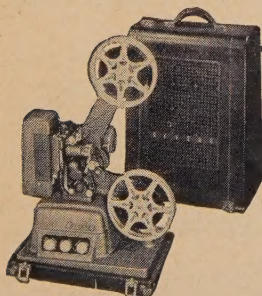


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THIS MONTH

From time to time we at CHRISTIAN LIFE have stressed the importance of good Christian literature. We don't want to belabor the fact of how important it is to build a church and home library.



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Nevertheless, we're convinced of its need and unrivaled service. Our Book Review Editor, Lloyd Kalland, a book lover himself, is delighted to pound away again on this emphasis by bringing to the attention of our readers a recap of CHRISTIAN LIFE's monthly selections. He says every well-informed and intelligent believer will want to read and possess these volumes, if he does not have them on his shelves already.

No doubt a Christmas gift of a copy not yet owned would be gratefully received. So a perusal of Kalland's "title" tips of worthwhile books will help you in making out your shopping list. Sunday school teachers will be helped in their selection of a Bible with teaching aids by referring to his chart outlining the outstanding features of various editions. Kalland makes no attempt to add to the many eloquent eulogies already penned in praise of books, but he does want to remind our readers of the lasting and valuable friends available to them within the covers of a treasured volume.

COVER: The attention of the general public was aroused during the last Christmas season when a Christian family in Chicago made it known very openly by outdoor displays and other means, that they knew and worshiped the Christ of Christmas Who alone gives true meaning to the Yuletide season.

Because CHRISTIAN LIFE also is interested in bringing this truth to the attention of the public and setting before our readers this fine example of a Christian home, photographer John Meredith was assigned to cover the story. The fine testimony of the Edward Johnson family in glorifying the Savior while celebrating His birth might be an added incentive for us to go and do likewise in our homes.

NEXT MONTH

In tune with CHRISTIAN LIFE's January emphasis on Gospel Radio, will be an informative write-up by our own Radio-TV Editor, Theodore Elsner. A picture story of station KTUR will also be in line, and outstanding conversions related by well-known broadcasters via their channels will add to our knowledge of air wave activities.

The first installment of Bernard Palmer's exciting sea drama begins next month. He'll take you sailing along with skipper Ed Royal on rolling breakers of harassing adventure. You'll experience the grim fear caused by a leaking ship, observe the heroic effort of its fearful skipper and with the passengers long for dry land.

The presence of God can be experienced daily in the abiding consciousness of the reality of His promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Don Milam will stress this actual and strengthening truth to our readers next month. He tells us such knowledge brings encouragement, comfort and a practical push for the dull, weary days.

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Flying Saucers

I cannot resist adding my bit to what I suspect will be an avalanche of letters regarding your article on flying saucers in the October issue. First: Bravo. It is at least soothing to know that whatever spiritual significance there might be is being missed by *all* of God's children, and that should such significance become apparent, we can relax and depend on the editors of *CHRISTIAN LIFE* to keep us informed. I was a little disappointed that you did not go more fully into the one explanation that it seems to me gives greater promise of interest than most, both from a scientific and a scriptural standpoint. The general topic of atmospheric conditions has turned up some very interesting comments. . . . Boyertown, Pa. **HELEN R. COATES**

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I have enjoyed the October issue of *CHRISTIAN LIFE* very much. The article about the flying saucers was well received, but I was wondering why the passage of Scripture found in Zechariah 5:2 was not included: "And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits." I do not know if this has anything to do with flying saucers or not, but it is interesting to note this Scripture in connection with the subject. A group of the preacher boys on the campus were talking about the letters that were included in September "Readers Write." We feel differently than many of the readers in regard to fiction. More short, true, spiritual experience articles are the answer to making *CHRISTIAN LIFE* "greater than great." As for the "Buyers Guide," we think it is wonderful and hope this great service continues. Waco, Tex. **RAYMOND JOHNSON**
Baylor University

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Our flying saucers have caused one thing—made millions of sinners look up to heaven and wonder. New York, N. Y. **BILL HERRIES**

More on Missions

The West Indies Mission is a member mission of the IFMA, and I believe it doesn't come under the same classification you give it in the September issue of *CHRISTIAN LIFE*, but under a strictly interdenominational classification. Jersey City, N. J. **E. LAROWE**
The India Mission

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The wide circulation of *CHRISTIAN LIFE* and the likelihood of its being quoted make me think it might be helpful to question a statement made in your September issue. . . . On page 72, Dr. Glover is quoted correctly as having said, "The independent missionary is the most dependent of all." We have heard him say this, and know he

made a point of it. Dr. Glover used to cite instances of independent workers, not connected with any organized missionary society, who claimed that they needed no organization and that every penny given to them would be used by themselves right on the field. These independent missionaries, however, on reaching the field invariably find it necessary to use the facilities of some established missionary society for housing, shipping, exchange and other business. Dr. Glover used the word "independent" to mean "independent of any missionary organization," not to mean "independent of denominational societies." In "A Mission Board in Action," a much different application is made of Dr. Glover's statement, where it is used to suggest that perhaps "this" (financial need?) is why the independent missionary is most dependent of all. The strong inference is that the independent missionary—in a sense of the article, one who is not sponsored by a denominational board—is in reality dependent on the denominational board. This is not true of TEAM, CIM, AIM or scores of other societies without denominational affiliation. . . . Philadelphia, Pa. **IVAN ALLBUTT**
Editorial Secretary
China Inland Mission

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We sincerely appreciate *CHRISTIAN LIFE*, especially the September issue carrying the operation and needs of mission boards. One sentence should have been emblazoned in bold type: "Support should be assigned to the general fund of a mission as well as to specific missionaries." . . . St. Marc, Haiti **MRS. JOHN SCHMID**

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Last week when I returned from a month's deputation trip our church librarian handed me a copy of the September issue of *CHRISTIAN LIFE*. Immediately my eye was attracted by the picture of the two Arabs reading the Gospel of John, because our press has been in the business of printing these and other Scripture portions. . . . The Nile Mission Press is unique among missions in that it establishes no churches, no schools, no hospitals, but serves all these types of Christian work by the publication of Bibles, Scripture portions and evangelical literature that the lost may be won to Christ and the saved be nourished and established in Christian living. We serve many missions, local churches and individuals all across northern Africa, the edges of the Sudan and on over into southwest Asia—wherever the people read the Arabic language. . . . Kansas City, Mo. **LEOTA DAVISON**
Representative, Nile Mission Press

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I enjoy your paper very much and pray that it will further the cause of Christ among men. Especially did I enjoy the article in the September issue, "How to Recognize a Call from God." Indian Mills, W. Va. **JAMES A. KEATLEY**



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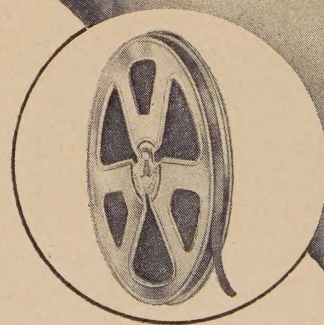
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Valdez, Alaska Mrs. RICHARD J. TEETER
Missionary, Photographer

Wrong Rack?

I feel sure many readers would join with me in criticizing the type of fiction chosen by CHRISTIAN LIFE these past two months (September and October). . . . Can't you choose stories to exalt Christ in the lives of fictional characters, for our young folks need to be given an insight into lives worthy of being set forth as an example. After reading these and then seeing movies advertised on nearly every page, I wonder if I am in the wrong magazine rack. . . .

Whiting, Ind. Mrs. R. W. TEAGUE

I want to compliment you on the story "Pea Soup Preacher" by Sallie Chesham (October). It brought out so clearly the need of such places and also the love we need to have in our hearts. This was the best story you've had in CHRISTIAN LIFE for quite some time. Let's have more like this.

Dodge Center, Minn. Mrs. ROY WILKINS

Finger Stories

I thoroughly enjoy reading CHRISTIAN LIFE and am always on the lookout for new ways of teaching Junior and Primary children. I especially enjoyed the finger stories of "Little Zacchaeus" in the September issue and the "Feeding of the Five Thousand" some months ago, by Betty Nicholson Muller. . . .

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IAN L. IRVINE
Brisbane, Australia
The Sacred Half-Hour

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Wide Awake

I hadn't realized that there was such a wide-awake Christian magazine as yours. Recently I borrowed one from one of our church people and was amazed at the wonderful ideas that are a part of your magazine. . . .

Gooding, Idaho Rev. ROBERT OWEN
Church of the Nazarene

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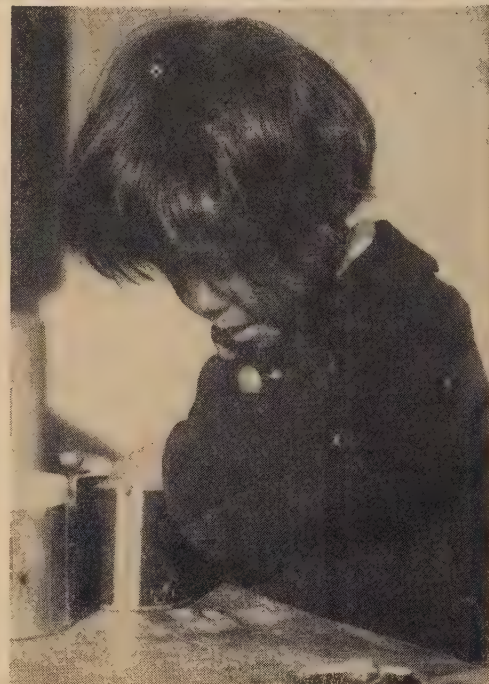
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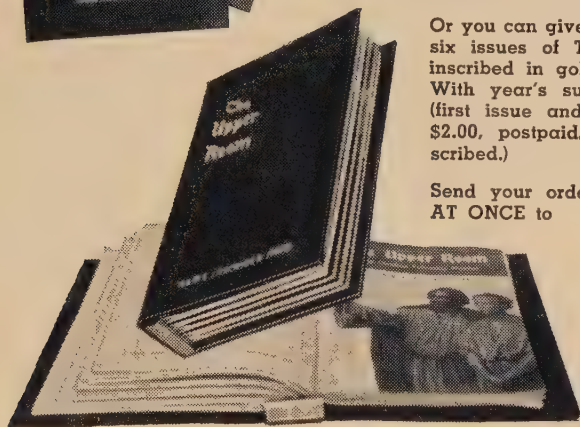
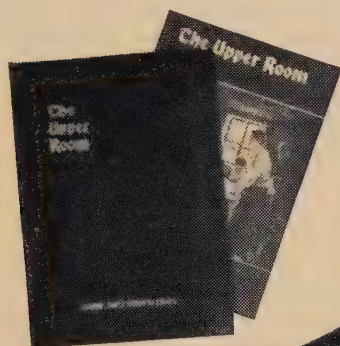
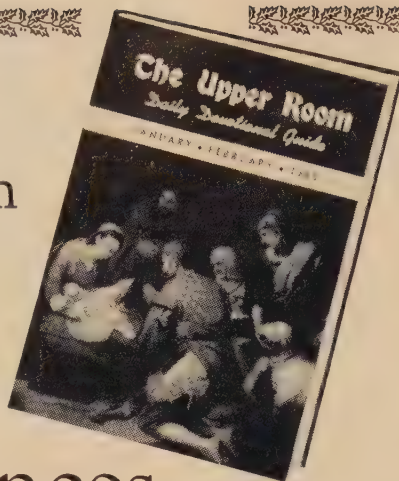
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Pittsburgh, Pa. DAVID C. MILLER

Off the Record

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Telford, Pa. DAVID G. HENDRICKS

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Coming Conventions

In this feature, CHRISTIAN LIFE brings readers a listing of major conferences and conventions of national and international scope. Requests for information should be sent directly to the organizations at the addresses listed below.

Christian Writers Annual Conference and Workshop: Chicago, Ill., Jan. 29, 30, 31, 1953. Write: Christian Writers Institute, 434 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

Evangelical Press Association: Annual Convention, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27, 28, 29, 1953. Write: Rev. Ernest Keasling, Free Methodist Publishing House, Winona Lake, Ind.

Scripture Press: Cooperating with statewide convention, Huron, S. Dak.—Dec. 3, 4. Bemidji, Minn.—Dec. 8-10. Grand Rapids, Minn.—Dec. 11, 12. Cooperating with statewide convention, Phoenix, Ariz.—Jan. 13-18.

Who are the Wise Men?

WE do not know how many wise men visited the child Jesus. The general conception is three. But their names are not recorded on the pages of Scripture. True, they brought gold, frankincense and myrrh—the gifts were three in number, but the camel caravan (if they used camels) may have borne a score or more wise men who followed the star. Gold represented divinity; frankincense, priesthood; myrrh, suffering.

Why were they called wise men? They delved into the secrets of the universe and the signs of the heavens and said: "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" (Matt. 2:2).

Who are the wise men today? Statesmen? Scientists? Lawyers, doctors, ministers? Not necessarily, but the one who falls down and worships Christ, saying, "My God and my King." These are truly wise. Would you be truly wise? The editors would be glad to point you to the One in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

These Are Your Children . . . far from home!



They left their 4-H Clubs, the Scouts and Brownies, their church friends and schoolmates, and from a pier in Brooklyn set sail with their parents on a freighter across the Atlantic. Nineteen days later, they dropped anchor in the mouth of a sluggish brown stream, changed to a river boat and chugged upstream for 185 miles. Then they walked ashore, to low-lying houses set at the edge of the jungle. Here, with earthen walls and thatched roof, was their new mission home.

They had known heat before. Summers back home were hot, yet long and sunny and golden and a time for play. But summers were never like this. Heat that lies like a sodden blanket over the land. Heat that steams. Nights with no relief, except from sun, and seasons that vary only in wetness but not in temperature.

It's exciting, of course, in a way, to be in a strange land few American youngsters ever see. But it's hard to forget the little things that were routine at home but are a king's luxuries here. No more dashing in after school for a big glass of cold milk. Milk comes in cans, here. Little cans, because once opened, milk goes sour abruptly.

They remember meals when they had to be urged to eat their salads . . . and wish for just one such crisp salad again. They recall August days when ice cream seemed only a nominal reward for mowing the lawn . . . and think how they would cherish each spoonful now. They have the hearty appetites of youth but they get weary of food from cans and the monotonous fare of rice and beans and rice again.

They make friends with native children their own age, play with them, try to get over some idea of the America so far away. But they are shocked, and shocked anew each day, at the diseases which strike down the young, at the sores and fevers which run on and on for lack of care.

Vaguely, they are conscious of how their missionary parents would like to do more to ease the suffering around

them — if they only had the drugs, the vaccines and serums. Yet there's no nearby pharmacist's refrigerator well stocked with new miracle drugs. Perishable vaccines perish fast in this heat. Even adhesive tape, perhaps the simplest of all medical supplies, sweats into gummy pulp. And of course there's no ice, to save a life by chilling an angry appendix until a surgeon's skilled hands can work.

The mission work goes on, handicapped as it is. There's no complaint; these are stout-hearted parents, firm in their faith, with stout-hearted children, too.

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Art and Science of Giving

BY THE end of this month, Christians will have made their last contributions to church and missionary activities—on which they can claim deductions in their 1952 Federal Income Tax Report. (This is assuming that most persons report on a calendar year basis.)

It is important, therefore, in this final month of opportunity for each Christian to review his record. He should do so in order to be sure that (1) he has made as sizeable a contribution to the work of the Lord as possible, and (2) that he has properly recorded the contributions which he has made.

The big factor to be taken into consideration this year is that Congress has increased the exemption for contributions from the traditional 15 per cent to 20 per cent. This additional allowance may be claimed in the 1952 report.

For Christians in the habit of giving generously, this comes as a real boon.

It means that those who have enjoyed the blessing of moving their contributions above the tithe of 10 per cent, can now in addition gain tax relief from the government—up to 20 per cent of total income. The fact that more and more Christians are catching the vision for this type of giving should be a real incentive to hard pressed church and missionary executives eager to meet the growing needs for the dissemination of the Gospel in our day.

Meanwhile, the spiritual blessing accruing to those who engage in such sacrificial giving has proved its worth. Not only do they gain the satisfaction of being able to participate in a larger way in the financing of missionary and evangelistic causes, but in many cases they have also seen the Lord increase and prosper them.

To all Christians making contributions of more than 10 per cent of total income, it is important to realize that only by using the so-called "long form" (No. 1040) is it possible to get full tax relief in their Income Tax return.

In other words, even if your income does not amount to the prescribed \$5,000 per year or less indicated on the "short form" (Form 1040 A), it is necessary to use the "long form" in order to get the additional reduction due you in the event you contribute more than 10 per cent of your total income.

Obviously, not all Christians can give 20 per cent of their income or more for the Lord's work. Many people in the past have felt obligated to give at least 10 per cent, without realizing that even to believers living under the Old Testament law this was only the starting point. This leaves plenty of room today for all Christians to experience the blessing of God's challenge in Mal. 3: 10, "... prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

1952 Editorial Platform

1. To make Christ known as Savior.
2. To awaken individual Christians to the reality of a spirit-filled life of power, love and holiness.
3. To encourage the formation of prayer groups for a world-wide revival.
4. To encourage a strong Christian family life.
5. To foster Christian vigilance in social and political problems.
6. To encourage revitalization of the local church through evangelism in the Sunday school.
7. To create and encourage missionary vision, interest and operation.

Signs of the Times

JERRY Beavan, public relations director for the Billy Graham Crusade, tells this interesting story about Paul Short, Texas regional head of National Screen Service and regional director of the Council of Motion Picture Organizations.

Short phoned Beavan one day and indignantly demanded to know why Dallas pastors were not praying for rain to end the drought which had reached the critical stage in most parts of the Southwest.

When Beavan suggested that some of the pastors might not believe that prayer would help, Short hit the ceiling. As a result, Short produced a "trailer" which was subsequently run in all theaters in the city immediately preceding the feature film, incorporating a Scripture verse and prayer.

This special feature began with a beam of light illuminating a page of the Bible at II Chron. 7:14. As the organ played "The Lord's Prayer" softly, a voice read the verse. Suddenly the screen went dark, all theater lights were cut and the voice (Beavan's) prayed for rain. Lights remained off fifteen seconds after the "Amen."

Apparently if God was to answer prayer in Texas, it was to come from the theater rather than the churches.

PICTURE OF SIGNIFICANCE ►

■ Last month more than 1,600 Sunday schools around the world in virtually every denomination participated in CHRISTIAN LIFE's seventh annual Sunday school contest. Typical of the special features developed was a registration tent put up outside of the Moline Evangelical Free Church. The photograph was taken by Major Stig Fransen.





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Young people and servicemen gather at the Wagners for a time of warm fellowship.

Open House for Christ

by Jim Montgomery

MR. AND Mrs. E. S. Wagner of Shreveport, Louisiana, have no children of their own, but 30 young men and women from all over the United States and several foreign countries call them "Mom" and "Pop." These are some of the young people who have been welcomed into the Wagner home for several months or more and have become a real part of the family.

There are literally hundreds of others around the world who have been included in the hospitality of the Wagners. These include strangers who have come into their church, young people and older people, servicemen, ministers and missionaries. All who come into the Wagner home find real refreshment and a warm fellowship. But many have found more than this, having been led to accept Christ as Savior. The Wagners dedicated their home wholly to the Lord. Since they were married and moved into their home, they have stopped at nothing in making it glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

There has never been a time when the Wagners did not have someone in their home. Early in 1947 they began to number their "sons" and "daughters." That year there were eight Chinese air force officers stationed at a near by air base who frequented the Wagner home regularly. They felt so much a part of the family that when they left, one of them said, "I am your boy number eight." The idea stuck. Until just recently the number "twenty-five" boy and the number "five" girl have been included in the "family."

Of these eight Chinese boys, three became Christians while in Shreveport. At present one of them is a pilot with the air force in Formosa. Another was injured while serving in Peiping, China, and has returned to the United States where he has enrolled in college. Two others are still in active service in Formosa. Two were killed in airplane accidents and the others are now in college.

Among the other "sons" and "daughters" from foreign countries are Hans from Berlin, Germany; Winifred from Edinburg, Scotland; Rene from Mexico; Anthony from Puerto Rico; Iqbal from India; a number of Chinese students; a girl from Formosa and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner try to keep in contact as much as possible with those that have come into their home. Hardly a day goes by in which they fail to receive a letter from one of their "children" or former guests. Last summer during their three week vacation they visited 65 of these people in 22 different states.

At present there are six or eight airmen who are there on weekends and two or three in the home every day. Several of these are new Christians. One of them, a 19-year-old boy, accepted Christ in September and is now planning to go into the ministry. The boys think of each other as brothers in the same family. After church on Sunday nights they come back to the Wagners for refreshments, conversation, music and prayer. Just before they start back for the air field they all join hands and sing "Blest Be The Tie."

Not only have the Wagners made their home a center of Christian activity, but they are also staunch church workers. They are charter members in the Westminster Presbyterian Church which was organized in 1923. Mr. Wagner, who is assistant vice-president of the First National Bank and manager of their Cedar Grove branch, has served as Sunday school superintendent for 15 years and as an elder for the past 20 years.

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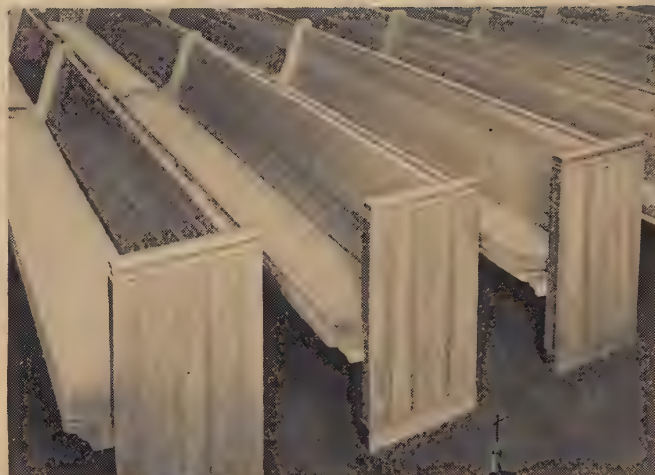
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The good things available on the printed page for real and wholesome living cannot be substituted by radio and TV programs.

Books for Christmas

by **Lloyd Kalland**, *CHRISTIAN LIFE Book Review Editor*

No finer gift can be given than a book
which contributes to year 'round enjoyment.

THERE is no scene quite so serene and wholesome as a family sitting around the living room on a wintry night, each member deeply engrossed in the thrilling venture of reading a good book. The radio and TV programs have, for the most part, uprooted the living room reading scene, but have failed to produce a continuous flow of good things available on the printed page.

Even a time of family conversation

seems to lack the intriguing bliss of reading. Each member in his own world pursues some unknown truth, which enriches the individual and ultimately the whole family.

The Christmas season is the time of the year for these family sittings and the opportunity to enlarge a loved one's supply of good books.

The latest estimate lists approximately 100,000 different titles in print. Obvi-

ously, we need not concern ourselves with the bulk of these works which deal with everything from *Bhagavad-Gita* (the holy book of India) to *Ballet for Beginners*. There are, however, a few hundred books from Christian presses which provide a heap of nutritious reading.

From this stock-pile of current sellers, we have chosen forty-two titles to aid *CHRISTIAN LIFE* readers in their gift selections. (Continued on page 51)



by Dorothy Be

As Cathy tiptoed down the hall Mrs. Whitford demanded: "Where are you going?"

Strate Week End

This double purpose week end seemed to be either-or.

CATHY watched her husband as he carefully knotted the striped tie. "You look wonderful, Milt. I'm so glad we managed that suit. The whole department will be impressed with the distinguished Dr. Milton Kirby, consulting speech therapist."

He laughed. "Hope so. Right now I've got butterflies in my stomach like a kid giving his first speech." He turned from the mirror and reached for his coat. "You look okay yourself."

Cathy made a face at him, ran the comb through her blond curls. Her print dress was definitely two seasons old. The men of the faculty wouldn't notice and perhaps their wives would be kind. Maybe at

some time they, too, had had to bear the expense of moving across the country. From Hillsdale college to a west coast university is a long way.

A wordless prayer filled Cathy's heart as Milt fought the traffic through the crowded streets. His voice was tight with excitement.

"Lee is the man I'm anxious to meet. If I hit it off with him, we're set."

"He's really the head of the university's speech correction, isn't he? Do you think he's more important than Deen?"

"Well, yes, to me. Deen is department chairman, over all the speech. But Lee's the man I've got to



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Still No Room?

by Rowan Pearce

THERE is a note of pathos in the startling words of Luke, "... there was no room..." The statement foreshadowed the attitude of so many through the following centuries, in their indifference to the Christ. The Holy Spirit tells us that He came into the world as its Redeemer, to save and to bring back again to the heart of His Father the broken and fallen races of mankind. He came as the Light and the Life, but the world would not have Him. Neither will the world of men have Him today. It will have only its own conception of Him.

He came to His own, to Israel. Was He not a descendant of the patriarch, Israel, through the line of his fourth son, Judah? He came as foretold by the prophets as their Messiah and King, "But His own received Him not." There was no room in the inn of backslidden Israel's economy. He comes to churches, those groups that call themselves by His name. He comes today to bring to all who profess His name a fresh outpouring of spiritual life and power. But, as at His advent, the material side of human life is in the ascendancy. So today worldliness has gained an apparent victory and blights the best interests of God. The tragic yet pathetic answer is generally given to the proclamation of His Gospel, "No room!"

The praise of the heavenly host at the nativity of our Lord was the only unearthly melody the human ear has ever heard. This was the first and last song of the celestial choirs that a Christ rejecting world has ever had come into its darkness. The light of the glory of God fades from the Judean hills as the angels return to heaven. The world once more is left in the sable shades of night. The world knows and thinks so little of that which so supremely interests distant, flaming orbs, "forever singing in their clime, the hand that made us is divine."

And so infancy is forever dignified by the manger of Bethlehem. Womanhood is ennobled to its purest ideal in the virgin. When the shepherds had paid their adoration and given their worship to the One Who had come to save them from their sins, they made known to all the event told them concerning this Child. All who heard it wondered. Foremost among those who wondered was she who for the moment was most concerned—the virgin who bore Him into the world. Now, He was hers. Yet, He did not belong to her. He was God's—God's gift to dying men, given to them through her. This virgin had already in the liturgical magnificat called Him, "my Savior." (Luke 1:46). The light which shone about Him so lighted the future that she apparently could only see the path behind. She could scarcely look upon the wonder of the present and dared not peer into the years yet unborn.

In Vincent's *Word Studies* we learn, "There was near Bethlehem, on the road to Jerusalem, a tower known as Migdal Eder, or the watch tower of the flock. Here was the station where shepherds watched the flocks destined for sacrifice in the temple. Animals straying from Jerusalem from any side, as far as from Jerusalem to Migdal Eder, were offered in sacrifice. It was a settled conviction among the Jews that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, and equally, that He was to be revealed from Migdal Eder. The beautiful significance of the revelation to the infant Jesus to the shepherds watching their flocks destined for sacrifice needs no comment."

When the Child was taken to the temple to be presented to Simeon, the minister, He was given the name Jesus. This was in accordance with the mandate of the angel who appeared to Joseph, before He was born. It was recorded further in the law of God given to Moses that "every male that is the first-born of a mother shall be set apart as holy unto the Lord." They were to offer a sacrifice according to this law, "a pair of turtle doves or two pigeons," an offering of the poor in worldly possessions. It was at this time that Simeon, being filled with the Spirit of God, came into the temple. Seeing the Baby Jesus, he took Him in his arms. What must have been the joy of Simeon, holding in deep embrace the Savior of the world! The Light of the ages! The Lamb of God! The incarnate Word! "What a privilege!" you may say. But have you not, even now, a far greater privilege than the aged Simeon had? It was his time of departure from his mortal body. Now was being fulfilled to him the promise that he should not die until he had seen his Messiah. He then slept.

To us who believe the Word of God, a far greater joy is given than even Simeon enjoyed. We may not have the temporary delight of holding the body of the Christ-child in our arms, a fleeting joy at best. We may not only see by the sight which is faith the salvation of the Lord. We may have the eternal joy of having Him in our heart by the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. As our blessed Lord Jesus was born in the weakness of the flesh in the Bethlehem stable, even so can He, by the eternal Spirit, be born in our bodily Bethlehem, at this Advent season.

Can we say that there is no room? Is it true that our life is so filled with the things of the world of men and human affairs that there is no room for Him? Shall we deny to Him what is His by right of divine purchase? He paid the price for us at Calvary. Let us make our hearts an inn where the Babe of Bethlehem can be born today and know the joy of the divine Guest.

please. I've a feeling we may not agree on therapeutic procedure. He's a Freudian, you know. Leaves God out of the picture entirely."

Cathy smiled to herself. It was hard to disassociate her husband from his technical terminology. She understood only some of the language. She patted his knee. "Don't worry, darling. My woman's intuition tells me you'll go over with a bang."

She wasn't so sure, though, as they were ushered into the spacious dining room where most of the men and women were in evening clothes. Because she felt dowdy and terribly scared, she whispered laughingly to Milt, "Remember, they're only people." He grinned and squeezed her hand.

Then Dr. Deen and his wife approached, shook their hands, made them welcome. Smoothly the elderly woman took Cathy's arm, introducing her and Milton to the others. Rapidly Cathy tried to catalogue names and faces.

The Ichabod Crane looking man was Dr. Thoreson, distinguished in the field of rhetorical theory. The small, neatly built young fellow was Dr. McCann, instructor of interpretation. The large hearty guy with the booming voice was Dr. Nicholas, in charge of public address.

Somehow she answered their pleasantries, noting happily the genuine warmth in greeting Milt. Dr. Lee, tall, greying, with penetrating eyes, was the last to arrive. He pumped Milt's hand, speaking enthusiastically.

"Kirby, at last! Been wanting you here for three years. We're counting on big things from you."

Suddenly Cathy realized she was having a good time. Why, these people were just like Hillsdale college folks, friendly, outgoing. Milt had told her any speech faculty was full of extroverts. He was right!

They were seated at dinner beside the McCanns and across from the Lees. Cathy noticed the small glass at her plate and saw that waiters were pouring cocktails. She felt a moment of panic. This would never have happened at a Hillsdale faculty dinner. Out of the side of her eye she watched Milt casually turn his glass down. She turned hers down, too, trying to concentrate meanwhile on Dr. McCann's lengthy answer to her question about interpretative speech.

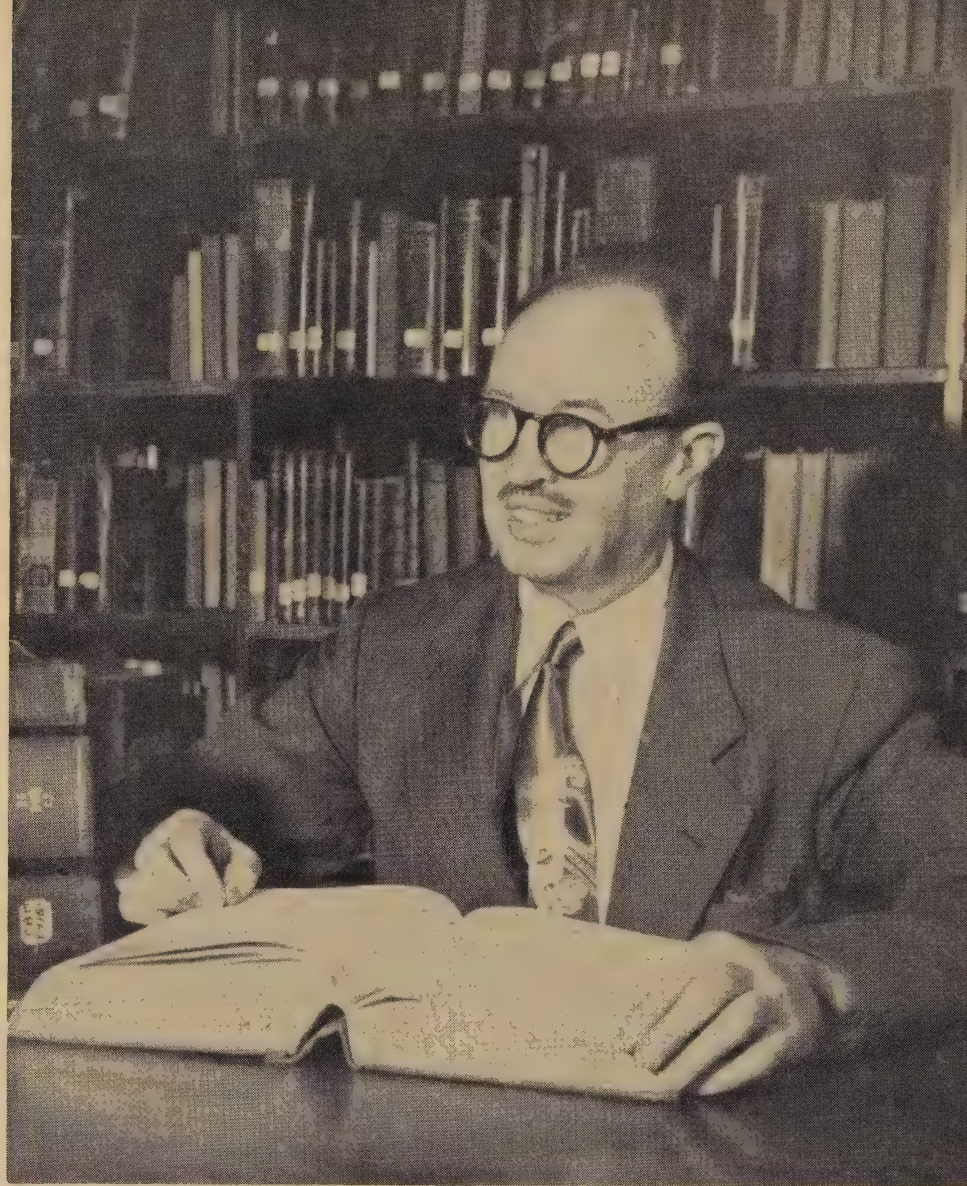
Throughout the meal, the faculty and wives boasted shamelessly of the glories of southern California. The Lees proposed a Saturday drive to Capistrano; the McCanns invited them to luncheon that week at Farmer's Market. Like a stream, through their conversation kept coming information about the speech clinic. Cathy's ears were alert. The clinic would be Milt's work, primarily.

Dessert was being served. Lee and
(Continued on page 80)

Which Version Shall It Be?

by Allan A. MacRae

Word meanings change—often sharply—in the course of years. Thus Bible scholars have long been aware of the need for a modern language translation of the Scriptures. Publication this fall of the Revised Standard Version, first modern language version of the Bible, is therefore heralded as a notable event. Unfortunately this translation is generally conceded to be the work of so-called "liberal" theologians alone. As a result, while many conservative Bible scholars recommend it to be used along with the traditional King James Version, many are openly critical of it. The following evaluation of the new translation, as well as others on the market, is by Dr. Allan A. MacRae, for the past 15 years president of Faith Theological Seminary. MacRae received his Ph.D. degree in Oriental studies from the University of Pennsylvania, studied at the University of Berlin, the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem and served nine years as assistant professor of Old Testament at Westminster Seminary before going to Faith.—The editors.



The question to ask is how closely does the translation follow the original, says MacRae.

STEP into almost any Christian bookstore today and you will see bewildered shoppers puzzling over a problem to which most Christians heretofore have given little attention. It is the knotty question: What kind of Bible shall I give as a Christmas present?

In other years, the Christmas gift Bible buyer was faced with rather simple decisions as to what size, which binding, what color, etc. This year, the advent of the new Revised Standard Version dwarfs such considerations. Today, stimulated by the widest publicity the Bible has received in modern times, the prospective purchaser is forced into the position of needing to know something about the various translations of the Bible which are available. He should know the uses to which the Bible will be put. He must decide which version will best meet the needs of the person or persons who will use it.

Should it be the Revised Standard Version, the King James Version (also known as the Authorized Version), the Douay Version, the American Standard Version, the American Translation or the Moffat Translation? Or should it be one of a number of other versions of the New Testament by itself, or one of the special editions of the King James Bible, such as the Scofield Reference Bible or the Pilgrim Bible?

In many bookstores today a great deal of attention is being given the new Revised Standard Version, first published this year. Chief reason is that there is a real need for a translation of the Scriptures into modern language. This need is recognized by both the conservative and the so-called "modernist" scholars. The translators of the new Revised Standard Version have reduced the original languages to modern usage. Whether or not they have observed the rules of good scholarship by maintaining the true spirit of the authors as they were led by the Holy Spirit in their writing, however, is a matter to be questioned.

The publicity declares that the Revised

Standard Version is at last, "an authorized version" in modern speech. Great stress is laid on the claim that this is "a new authorized version." This is a strange claim to make for a Protestant book. The most outstanding difference between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, right from the start, has been that Protestants have placed the Bible at the foundation, rather than the church. To a true Protestant the important question always has been, not "is this the Bible the church approved?" but rather "is my church in line with what the Bible approves?"

Protestants believe that God gave His book through holy men of old, who wrote it down in the original Hebrew and Greek. No man or church can add to or subtract from its authority, which comes from God Himself. The proper question is not, "Has this version been authorized?" but rather, "Is this a correct translation of the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts which contain the Word of God?" The attempt to induce the churches of America to accept this Bible

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Mounted on the outside of the Johnson home was the Bible message of John 3:16 for passers-by to read and share.

The Johnsons searched a book of reproductions of cartoons by the Christian cartoonist, Vaughn Shoemaker.



The problem facing Christian parents at Christmas is not only to bring out the true meaning of this sacred season, but to still the gaudy clamor of the world with an emphasis of reality.

Christmas at the Johnsons

THE annual problem of making Christmas in the home an honor to Christ faces every Christian family. The degree to which it is solved, however, often depends upon the willingness of parents to give sufficient thought and prayer to the question.

An example of what can be done is found in the home of the Edward Johnson's of Chicago.

The first snow had scarcely fallen last year when they began to think about Christmas cards. In the process of determining how to make their cards a witness for Christ, they looked through a book of reproductions of cartoons by the Christian cartoonist, Vaughn Shoemaker. They then decided to get permission from the *Chicago Daily News* to reproduce the now famous Christmas cartoon embodying the Bible verse, John 3:16.

This proved to be the key to their decoration motif for the season. Later they enlarged the cartoon and mounted it on the outside of their home. "To us the message of the Christ of Christmas is something we must share with others," they said.

The display proved so effective that the *Daily News* carried a story and photograph describing it, and hundreds of Chicagoans drove by to see it.

To give additional color, they attached an amplifying system to their record player and through the evening hours played Christmas carols.

Meanwhile, the Johnsons gave their attention to making the Christmas season more meaningful to their children: Karen, ten; Calvin, nine; Gloria, six and Janice, three.

First came the Bible story telling of the gift of God's Son to all mankind. In the days just preceding Christmas they read the scriptural account in family



The Johnsons sent a Christmas greeting with a message.



Carols were recorded on a tape recorder then played back with delight.

Large snowflakes were chosen to illustrate God's wonderful creation. These were designed by the children themselves to use as decorations.



devotions around the dinner table.

Decorations for the inside of the home also were important. Ornaments—such as enlarged reproductions of snowflakes—were chosen to illustrate the creative wonder and power of God. These were designed by the children themselves.

Christmas carols—the heart and soul of Christmas—were not only played on records, but sung by the children. These were recorded on a tape recorder, then played back to the delight of the family.

To the Johnson children the Christmas season is portrayed as a joyous time—not because it means a time when they will be receiving gifts—but because it is a period when they are reminded anew of God's great gift to all mankind in the person of His Son. Thus they are taught that Christmas is a time of special thanksgiving and praise to God. It serves also as a reminder to them that their relationship to Christ should be apparent in their love and consideration for others—especially those whom they would like to see accept Christ as Savior.

The problem facing parents at Christmas, say the Johnsons, is not only to give Christmas the proper emphasis, but to make this emphasis so real and exciting that it drowns out completely the gaudy clamor of the pagan commercialism of our day. And to do this, the Johnsons insist, does not necessarily take a great deal of money—but simply a little thought and considerable prayer. END

In the days preceding Christmas, the scriptural account the table. Parents must make this emphasis exciting a





Christmas carols—the heart and soul of Christmas—were not only played on records, but sung by the children.

The Savior's birth was read in family devotions around the table to drown out the clamor of pagan worldlings today.

Telling the story from the Bible of God's gift of His own Son came first. It was a time when they were reminded anew to give special thanks to God.



R. A. Forrest —

LOVABLE FOSTER FATHER



Although Forrest is not a pulpit orator or an educational genius, he has seen God do miracles with his simple gifts.

The infectious deep-throated chuckle that bubbles up from the soul of R. A. Forrest has a way of melting its way into the heart. Little wonder his associates come to love him.

by Donald E. Hoke

UNDER the gloomy shadows of a convent's walls late one night in Wilmington, Del., a 17-year-old boy was hurrying home from a party. His friends knew him as a moody, morose lad who would often go whole days without speaking to a member of his family.

But suddenly in the convent's shadows he was seized with a fit of laughter, and laughed all the way home. "God gave me a merry heart that night," he testifies. "Since then I've laughed my way out of many a jam."

That infectious deep-throated chuckle that bubbles up from the soul of Dr. R. A. Forrest, founder and president of Toccoa Falls Institute, Toccoa Falls, Ga., has melted its way into the hearts

Bible conferences and evangelistic campaigns keep him off campus over two-thirds of the time. A large share of the honorariums from these meetings he uses to help needy students. Many of his few hours on campus are spent talking to students on the "hot seat," a chair alongside his desk.

On the hot seat Don Le Tourneau, son of Christian industrialist R. G. LeTourneau, yielded his life to the Lord a few months before his tragic death in a plane crash.

Walking across the campus to his home one night many years back, Forrest felt led to walk through the classroom building. He looked into several rooms, and then in one of them found a young boy sitting in the dark crying.

"What's the matter, son?"

"I'm not fit to be here—I'm going home."

"This is your Father's house—you can't leave here," Forrest replied. He stayed with the boy until 2 a.m. George Akens, the boy in the classroom, later started a Bible school of his own patterned after Toccoa Falls.

"Everything here revolves around personal love for me. It humbles me," Forrest says concerning his relation to students and faculty alike. For this reason, it is understandable why Forrest should be known to students and faculty alike as a lovable foster father.

Ordained in 1901 by the Christian and Missionary Alliance for mission work in Florida, Forrest went from Orlando to Atlanta and finally to Toccoa where God led in opening the school. There, some years later, he was repeatedly called to the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church despite the fact that at the time he was district superintendent of the Alliance.

Forrest was preaching in Toronto when a final, appealing letter came from the session of the Toccoa Presbyterian Church. Returning home, he told them he couldn't be there often.

"Preach when you're here," they replied.

"I won't have time to do any calling."

"Call only in cases of extreme sorrow."

"This old building will fall down,"

Forrest finally objected.

At this the lone Scotchman on the session rose and said, "If you'll just let us call you 'Pastor,' we'll build you a new church."

Forrest accepted, and they did.

When the Presbytery insisted that he join it a few months later, they found they couldn't accept his ordination since he was coming from another denomination. So, calling a council, the Presbytery reordained him.

Since that time, Forrest has been moderator of the local Presbytery three times, during which time he also has been on the board of managers of the

Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Greatest blessing of this strange ecclesiastical wedlock has been the wide open doors he's gotten throughout the country for evangelism and Bible teaching.

When others are surprised by the unusual opportunities he enjoys, Forrest replies, "I am one good example of what Jesus meant when He said, 'Without Me ye can do nothing.'"

Since his first days at Nyack, he has humbly depended on God for all his guidance and needs. When he arrived, school officials didn't think he looked promising enough to receive a school job to help pay expenses. But determined to stay, he answered an ad for a house girl. A middle-aged school teacher



Robert and Evelyn Forrest will be lovers always.



Author Hoke is shown campus by Forrest.

of thousands around the world.

On a 1,085 acre campus, the Institute is nestled in a little valley just outside Toccoa. Forrest, still active as president at 70, is never too busy to chat with the students, pass the time of day with a workman as he ambles across the campus, or to be conscious of the need of one of his children. He regards all the students as his own.

Pray As You Read

by Othelia A. Bach

MOST of us spend some time in reading, then why not link up prayer with our reading? Have you ever thought of how much might be accomplished—and of how far-reaching the results could be—if you were to form the habit of praying with reading?

In your devotional life, link prayer with your reading of the Word. George Mueller, that great man of faith, without ever mentioning a need to anyone but God, wrote that this plan saved him much time, and was a great help in his spiritual life.

Link prayer with your reading of newspapers and secular magazines. Few realize that the newspapers in this country alone are read by millions and that the readers of secular magazines are numerous. Think of their influence and of the tremendous power they have in shaping attitudes and molding public opinion! Our outstanding papers and magazines are read by the leaders of other lands as well.

Praying as you read will help you to pray more scripturally. Have you ever noticed how specific are the prayers in the New Testament? Jesus, in His wonderful intercessory prayer in John 17, prays that His disciples "may be one," that they might have his joy fulfilled in themselves, "kept from evil," "sanctified," and that they might be with Him.

Paul, too, is specific. Take his prayer for the Philippian church, for example. He prays that their "love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment," that they "may approve things that are excellent," that they "may be sincere and without offence . . . being filled with the fruits of righteousness."

What would you think of a man who went to a store and said, "Give me a bag of groceries" or "Let me have some clothes"? You would think he was slightly queer, to say the least. Yet, isn't that about what we do, all too often, when we pray? What do we really have in mind? "Lord, bless the missionaries." What specific needs have they?

But if we pray when we read, we are more likely to pray specifically. We read about Joe Daniel's death, for example. We ask God to comfort the loved ones and to use this bereavement to bring the unsaved ones to the Lord.

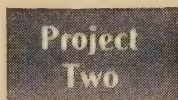
Further, the Scriptures tell us that the "effectual, fervent prayer . . . avail-eth much." "Elijah prayed earnestly." When do we pray most earnestly, most fervently? Isn't it when we are most stirred? And when does a thing grip us the hardest? Isn't it, generally, when we first read about it? Then isn't that the time to take time to pray?

If you fail to pray then, other things will crowd into your mind and may cause you to forget. And even if you do remember, some of the feeling aroused when you first read of the need

will have been largely spent. If you would make the most of these opportunities that God gives you, take time to pray as you read!

When you have a few minutes and pick up a paper or magazine, before beginning to read, why not lift your heart to God for a moment in behalf of the editor, the writers, the newsboy? One or more of them may be in special need of God's help.

It may be the headlines are blazoning abroad some crime—possibly some in high positions may be under suspicion. Pray for them. They may or may not be guilty. Pray for the guilty one. Pray for his loved ones. Some of them may never have heard the name of our



To awaken Christians to the reality of a Spirit-filled life.

Lord except in profanity, and it may be that no one has ever prayed for them by name.

The headlines may be playing up a strike. You do not understand all that is involved perhaps, but you know that millions of people are being affected. Christians who are unemployed cannot contribute as they otherwise would. Thus you can pray that God, for the sake of His own work, will undertake, that He will work in the hearts of the key people, that He will give wisdom and understanding to those who are seeking to solve the problems involved.

You read about the war in Korea. How your soul is exercised as you read such articles! Life is so easy for us. Put yourself in their place. Stand in the gap for recent converts, chaplains, refugees, parents separated from children in the mad scramble for safety, orphan children—starving, their hearts filled with fear, with memories of horror no child ought to have endured, the oppressed and suffering behind the bamboo curtain, the iron curtain, the dark curtain of idolatry and superstition. God help us to send an earnest appeal heavenward every time we see the name "Korea!"

Pray as you read! Make the utmost use of time! We have a God who is able to solve every problem and meet every need. God delights in answering prayer. We have His promise, "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

Pray with His honor and glory foremost in your heart, and the weak will be strengthened, the sorrowing comforted, those bearing heavy responsibilities will receive the needed wisdom and godly men will be placed in strategic positions. God's work will go forward, His name will be glorified, and heaven will be richer, if you, like Daniel, will steadfastly purpose in your heart to earnestly pray as you read.

opened the door, looked at him, and said she wanted a girl. Forrest meekly replied, "I can do anything a girl can do."

The lady tried him out and kept him for two years. When Toccoa Falls Institute was started, she sold her home in New York, built one in Toccoa, and taught free of charge at the Institute until her death when her home was turned over to the Forrests to use until they die.

Some years ago Forrest was called away to hold meetings in Newark, N. J., at a time of great need for the school. Second night of the meeting two ladies requested him to visit a ninety-two-year-old woman who was unable to attend because of the weather. A few days later, Forrest visited her home. She told him that fifteen years before, while he was preaching in a large tent in New York City, she had attended one night. The tent was so crowded that she could not find a seat near the front where she went in order to hear.

No one offered her a seat, until Forrest saw her, carried his chair down from the platform for her, and then sat on the platform steps until it was time for him to preach.

A few nights later when Forrest revisited her, she gave him a check for \$9,000, which more than covered the school's need.

Next to God, R. A. Forrest gives all the credit for his ministry to his wife. "I'd never have taken my first mission in Orlando if I hadn't been engaged to her. She has sparked me throughout my life."

Lovers always, their common devotion and mutual dependence have moved hundreds of audiences.

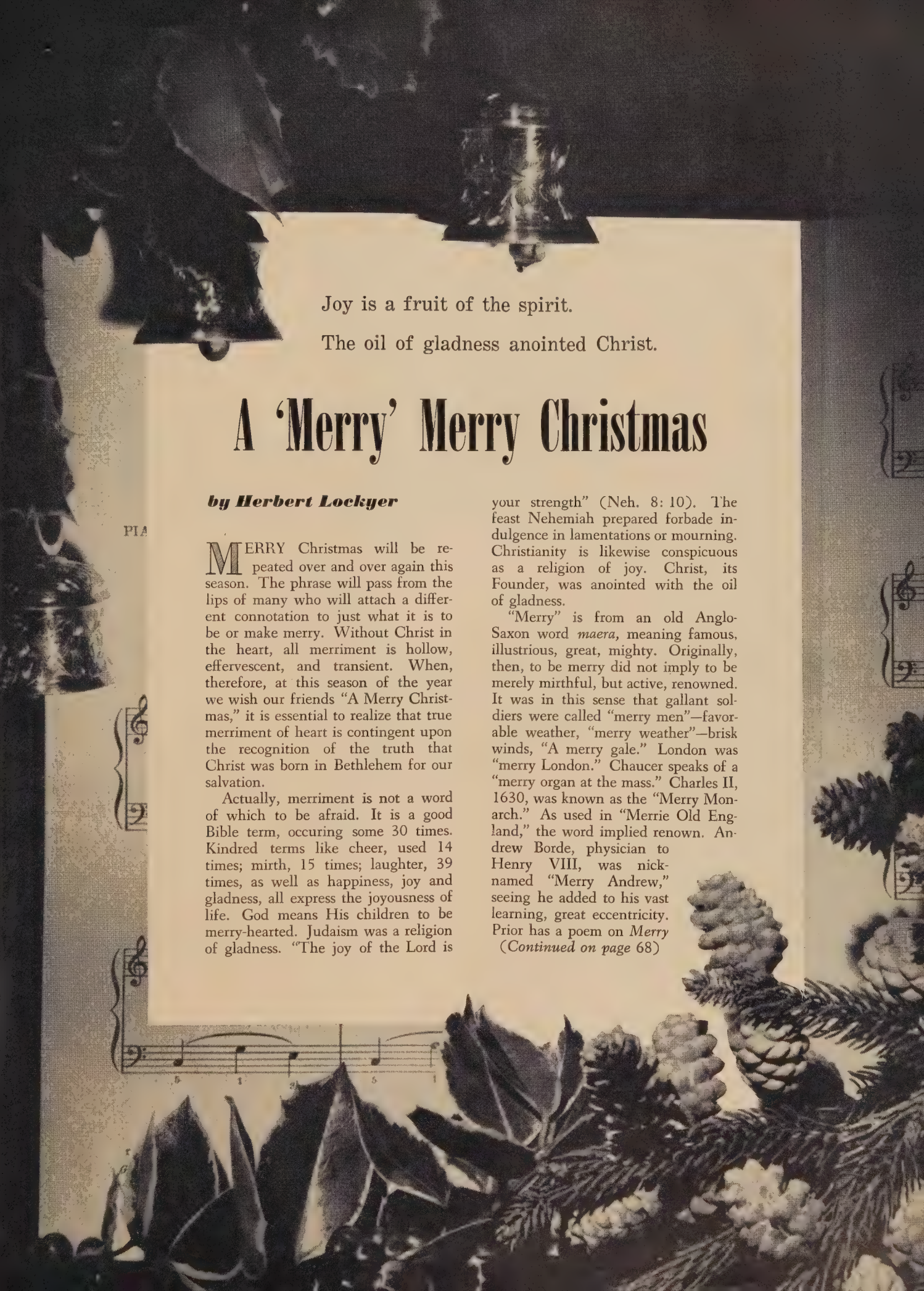
In 1936 Mrs. Forrest broke her hip. In and out of the hospital since then, she has suffered immeasurably. Her illness has been an obvious strain on his strength and vitality. For her loss is like a loss of part of himself.

When in 1901 a third call came to accept a new mission of the Alliance at Orlando when he was only 20, Forrest called his fiancée, Evelyn Drennen, and asked her to go with him. Over the phone he told her that he had only twenty-seven cents, but she agreed.

Friends gave them enough wedding present money for carfare to Wilmington for the wedding. But the night before they were to leave for Orlando they still needed \$10 of their train fare.

Telling no one, they planned to ride \$10 short of Orlando and get off. But just as they were about to go to bed that night, Forrest's uncle walked in. "That miserly old bachelor, he won't give us anything," Forrest thought. But before leaving, the uncle put \$10 in the hand of Forrest's six-year-old brother to give him. They landed in Orlando a few

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Joy is a fruit of the spirit.

The oil of gladness anointed Christ.

A 'Merry' Merry Christmas

by Herbert Lockyer

PIA

MERRY Christmas will be repeated over and over again this season. The phrase will pass from the lips of many who will attach a different connotation to just what it is to be or make merry. Without Christ in the heart, all merriment is hollow, effervescent, and transient. When, therefore, at this season of the year we wish our friends "A Merry Christmas," it is essential to realize that true merriment of heart is contingent upon the recognition of the truth that Christ was born in Bethlehem for our salvation.

Actually, merriment is not a word of which to be afraid. It is a good Bible term, occurring some 30 times. Kindred terms like cheer, used 14 times; mirth, 15 times; laughter, 39 times, as well as happiness, joy and gladness, all express the joyousness of life. God means His children to be merry-hearted. Judaism was a religion of gladness. "The joy of the Lord is

your strength" (Neh. 8:10). The feast Nehemiah prepared forbade indulgence in lamentations or mourning. Christianity is likewise conspicuous as a religion of joy. Christ, its Founder, was anointed with the oil of gladness.

"Merry" is from an old Anglo-Saxon word *maera*, meaning famous, illustrious, great, mighty. Originally, then, to be merry did not imply to be merely mirthful, but active, renowned. It was in this sense that gallant soldiers were called "merry men"—favorable weather, "merry weather"—brisk winds, "A merry gale." London was "merry London." Chaucer speaks of a "merry organ at the mass." Charles II, 1630, was known as the "Merry Monarch." As used in "Merrie Old England," the word implied renown. Andrew Borde, physician to Henry VIII, was nicknamed "Merry Andrew," seeing he added to his vast learning, great eccentricity. Prior has a poem on Merry
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Although in great physical pain, the Holy Spirit made plain to Lt. Peterson the assurance of sins forgiven as Jarvis read the Word of God.

Bunker Hero Confesses Christ

*From the Korean front lines to an Army hospital,
CHRISTIAN LIFE Correspondent Fred Jarvis tracks a G. I. hero to
lead him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

I GOT to Korea in August. On September 17 of this year I had been in action about four weeks. I was with the 38th Regiment of the Second Division. My platoon was on Old Baldy. Almost anywhere you dig down a little, you run into an arm or leg on that battle ground.

"During the day on the 17th, the Chinese threw mortar and artillery at us. At 7 p.m. I was on the forward slope—the one nearest the Chinese—with a couple of machine-guns. Suddenly a big enemy barrage broke loose.

"Shells were raining on us about 40 a minute. I knew an enemy attack was coming and I ran back over the crest to the reverse slope, shouting for reinforcements.

"Our guns opened up, but it was too late to stop the attack. My company commander yelled, 'Here they come. They're all over the hill.' Everywhere you looked, the Reds were swarming. One ran up behind me and grabbed the muzzle of my carbine. I swung around and pulled the trigger. He caught it in the chest and dropped dead.

"Then the company commander and I ran to the command post bunker to phone for our own barrage. He got the call through and went outside. Something hit him; I saw him fall. I went out and pulled him to the bunker. He was dead. When I was framed in the doorway, one of our own men, inside the bunker, shot me through the left shoulder with a rifle, thinking I was a Chinese.

"There were wounded and unwounded men inside the bunker. Mortar bursts were dropping around the bunker door. Fragments hit us. A couple of Chinese came up and threw hand grenades inside the bunker. The fragments got a lot of us, including me. Then a Red appeared in the doorway with a burp gun and sprayed the bunker. I caught several bursts in the chest and hips and right leg. One shot broke my right forearm."

Second Lt. Edgar A. Peterson, 23-year-old boy from Geneva-on-the-lake, Ohio, winced with pain in his bed in the Tokyo Army Hospital. He was recounting to me the terrible ordeal which he and three buddies went through a few days before. I had heard of the story, which appeared later in newspapers across the United States, while visiting troops in the front-lines in Korea for *CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine*.

What had intrigued me about Lt. Peterson, however, was that he was frequently quoted as saying, "We lived on prayer during those horrible four days." Accordingly, on my return to Tokyo I had decided to look him up to see if I could be of any help to him. I found him still shaken and enduring considerable suffering.

Now, he continued his story.

"Things quieted down. Four men inside the bunker were unwounded. In about an hour they came up to me and one of them said, 'We're getting out of here. We're going to try to get back.' I didn't say anything. It didn't make any difference. I don't know whether they made it or not.

"Two of the wounded died that night, counting the company commander. Five of us were alive.

"Except for the medic, we couldn't move around. That night he found four cans of beer and a can of fruit juice, which we drank. Later we were sorry we didn't save something. We didn't know then that we would be in the bunker so long. Later we went crazy for water and there wasn't any. We never found anything more to drink except the juice off corned beef hash, which made us sick.

"All of us were asleep at dawn except the master sergeant. He saw a Chinese come into the doorway of the bunker, take

some shaving equipment and leave. I guess he thought we were all dead.

"My men would say to me: 'Lieutenant, do you think they'll assault tonight and come get us?'

"I'd say, 'Yeah.' There were some assaults, but they didn't pan out.

"That night we flashed an SOS signal to our lines. That's all we could remember in code. Later I learned the signal was caught. All that night we could hear the enemy moving around and digging in outside the bunker. We kept quiet.

"We dressed our own wounds with some help from the medics. We ran out of dressings. I stuffed a shirt into my chest wounds which were bothering me most. I made a tourniquet for my right leg out of communications wire, but I couldn't stop the bleeding from some of the other places like my back, thigh and chest.

"That night and the next day (September 20) were awful. We were dry and burning with fever. We lay on the dirt floor watching the roof sag when shells hit. The stench was horrible. That's when we prayed. We were delirious and plotted to crawl out of the bunker and down the slope to our lines. Of course this was impossible. I guess we got to talking too loudly Friday night. A Chinese came to the door and sprayed the whole bunker with a burp gun. He didn't hit anybody.

"Saturday afternoon the master sergeant got hit again with a shell burst that landed near the bunker. Saturday night a Red threw a grenade into the bunker and it got me in the hand. By that time, nothing made much difference.

"Early Sunday morning an artillery shell landed in the doorway. It blew the medic's head off. He had been mighty good to us and we called him 'Doc.'

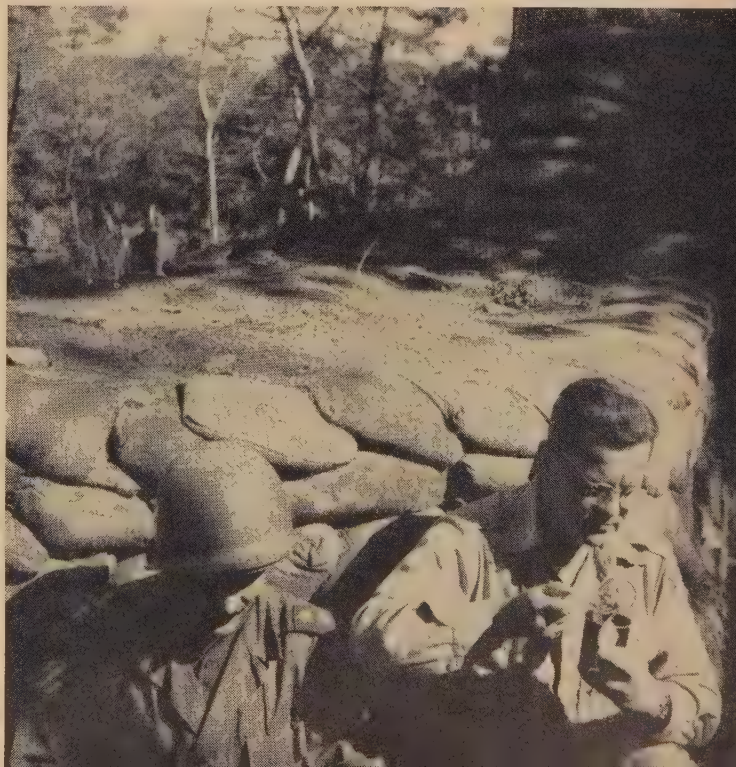
"About an hour later, an American voice outside the bunker shouted, 'Anybody in there?'

"We were all too weak to make much noise but we called, 'Help! G. I. G. I.'

"Then the American voice replied, 'We can't help you. You're probably booby-trapped.' By this he meant the Chinese practice of putting mines under the bodies of Americans seriously wounded or dead. When the bodies are moved, the mines blow up.

"There was nothing further from the outside and we really felt sunk. We thought we had been abandoned. But four hours later there were more American voices outside the bunker. When the men walked into the doorway, we knew it was the answer to our prayers." (Continued on page 86)

Jarvis dines with an unidentified general in a bunker.



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by Gayl Irwin Edwards

Jim's fingers fumbled on the keys. He had no story to tap out and the clock ticked on.

EVERYONE in the office of the *Glen Echo Daily Clarion* was tense. Jimmy Morgan, newly hired to do holiday errands, realized it was a tenseness born of delay. The large wall clock relentlessly ticked the passing time. The calendar announced in bold-face type "December 24." The office girl made and remade her lips. The men in the press-room speculated the delay. Only one person seemed unmindful of time, ideas being his only concern. That man was Bill Connor, owner and editor of the small newspaper, whose Christmas editorial was overdue.

Long before Jimmy had taken the job, he'd been told that Bill Connor was an enigma. And just yesterday the office girl had said you could dig up all the adjectives that meant "make like a Sphinx" and you'd still never be able to tell folks what he was really like. He was completely anti-social. The townspeople were divided as to their opinion of him. Some admired his excellent newspaper, excusing his bitter and scathing editorials. "The man's got a deep hurt," they said. "He'd be a good Joe, once you got to know him."

"Yeh, if you got to know him," the opposition sneered. "He's a queer duck. Got a grudge and trying to take it out on the world. Face'd crack if he tried to smile. Never darkens a church door. Can't trust a man like that."

None of these opinions had any effect upon the circulation of the *Clarion*, however. Anyone who could find the money subscribed. It was as important as a TV set. "Just think," Jimmy had often heard people say, "of a town this size having such a good paper."

Yes, the *Clarion* seemed to be doing all right for itself, winning prizes every

year for its editorials and news stories. The grouchy editor was accepted as a necessary adjunct to a splendid newspaper. However, it was the editor for whom John Kerr was concerned. John was the young pastor of the community church which Jimmy attended.

"Oh, Lord," the young preacher had prayed at a mid-week prayer service just the week before, "help me to find the vulnerable spot in the armor the devil has put around Bill Connor." Then yesterday, John had come in to the *Clarion* office on one of his apparently fruitless calls.

"We're looking forward, Mr. Connor," he had said, "to your Christmas editorial. I'm afraid I'm guilty of the sin of envy. You newspaper men have such a wonderful opportunity to tell so many about the Savior who came to bring peace, good will and joy to this confused world."

Bill Connor just grunted and continued his work.

The young preacher sighed and turned to leave. "A blessed Christmas to you and your fellow workmen," he said. "That goes for you, too, Jimmy," he added, placing a comradely hand upon Jimmy's shoulder and giving it a knowing squeeze.

Now, a day later, the entire newspaper staff was on edge. The Rev. John Kerr was the indirect cause of it all. Bill Connor's first statement that morning concerned the fact that he hadn't slept all night.

"Meddling Parson," he had fumed. "How can anyone write a Christmas

message in this rotten world! No one but a dope!" He paced the floor. "What Savior? Every politician in the country announced for that! Peace! Bah! With women eating their hearts out for their men in Korea? Good will! Hah! Men still licking their wounds since the November fracas! What joy, when bewildered little children are torn between parents going their separate ways." He pressed his hands to his head. "Yeah, no one but a dope, and I've been tagged."

It was in this confusion of thought that Bill Connor had seated himself at his typewriter. And for the last three hours, start after start had been made on his editorial. His hair was messed, his desk was littered with papers and his wastepaper basket was overflowing with crumpled sheets of paper.

Suddenly upon the clear winter air came the sound of a carillon. Jimmy sat up and listened. The office girl began to hum softly and Jimmy could see the men in the pressroom grin their appreciation of another of Glen Echo's contribution to progress.

But Bill Connor only moaned.

When the bells, disregarding the opinions of men—even the opinion of Bill Connor—continued their Christmas message, Bill shouted, "Boy." It was like a shot from a gun and Jimmy, feeling almost jet propelled, dashed to his side.

"Get me the words of that music," the editor barked. "Drives a man crazy! Can't hear myself think."

Jimmy smiled. "I know them, Sir. 'Joy to the world, the Lord has come.'"

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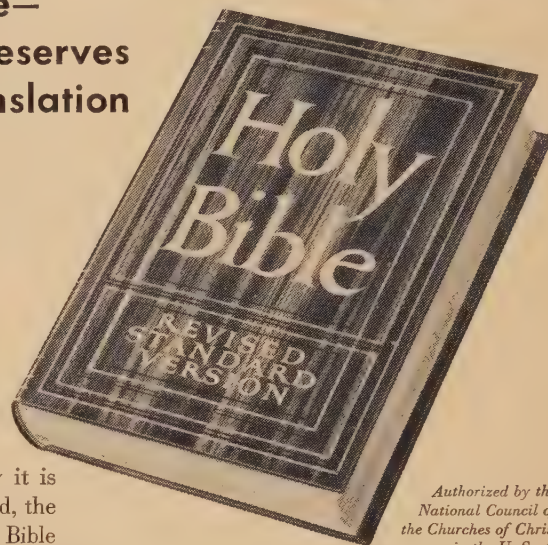
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Chinese Reds Release U.S. 'Spy'

Missionary Tells of Jail Horrors

A FORTY-YEAR-OLD American missionary, held by the Chinese Reds on a trumped up spy charge for 11 months, has been released from his prison call.

For John J. McGehee, the long nightmare of threatened death, brain-racking inquisition, false accusations, separations and suspense are over.

Only a name on the State Department's dwindled list of Americans still held in China, McGehee has been unable to communicate with his wife and family for more than a year. His wife, Betty, and five children were permitted to leave their station at Kweiwang, Kweichow, in southwest China in October, 1951, but McGehee, a spy suspect, was refused an exit permit.

On October 3 this year, the six-foot missionary, weighing 40 pounds less than his normal 180, walked through the barbed wire gate to freedom in Hong Kong.

Arriving in Memphis before dawn on October 11, McGehee was welcomed by his family and a group of Christian friends.

His harrowing experiences are told in his own words:

"After my family left, I continued to live in the mission compound at Kweiwang. I had voluntarily quit attending meetings at the church for fear of getting our Chinese Christians in trouble. I just waited for my exit permit.

"On October 29, 1951, about 50 police surrounded the compound and set up three machine gun emplacements. An hour later—

it was 5 a.m.—I was awakened by the excited voice of my servant.

"When I reached the door, three Communist agents, with drawn guns, elbowed into the house and placed me under arrest. Shouting threats and curses, they searched me and put me in handcuffs. Then they went upstairs where J. Arnold Clark, my associate, was sleeping.

"The two of us were forced to sit quietly all morning while the police ransacked the house, searching for evidence of my 'guilt' and for guns I was supposed to have hidden in the walls. For four days they forced Clark and me to stay in a bare storeroom where we had to sleep on the floor with the lights always on.

"On November 2 a guard took me upstairs to a bedroom where I had to undergo my first of many interrogations.

"At first his questions were routine. When I told him I was a missionary, he snarled, 'You're not a missionary, that's just a religious cloak.'

"I told him I'd done nothing but preach the Gospel. He fumed, raged, called me an imperialist, an oppressor. Then he told me I would be shot immediately.

"This angered me more than it frightened me. I adopted the attitude of resistance which I learned later was not the way to deal with these people.

"The Red official's threat made me remember the Saturday before my arrest. The police had executed six Chinese on the hillside near our compound.

"There were three phases of interrogation.

In the first, you are a criminal.

"The second is the 'friendly' stage—more to be feared than the other. The interrogator tries to 'win' you into a confession.

"Finally comes the 'die-hard imperialist' stage. You stand at attention for hours while the interrogators in relays ask the same questions over and over."

When McGehee failed to break under the first questioning, he and Clark were sent to a brand new three-story prison in Kweiwang. (Biggest building activity in China is the construction of new prisons, McGehee says.) There he remained for many months in a windowless cell.

McGehee and Clark at first worked out an ingenious communications system, leaving notes at a designated place in the prison toilet, but they were caught and punished. Later they used a code of hymn tunes.

McGehee's case was complicated by the fact that an elderly missionary, broken through incessant questioning, signed a statement that McGehee had a radio transmitter and was supplying the U. S. with information. His cellmate, too, proved to be an informant who kept McGehee's Red jailers informed of his every movement.

Without a Bible or other reading matter, the missionary was forced to spend his time meditating on memorized portions.

"When I felt down in spirits, I used to confess to the Lord that my faith was failing, that He needed to give me His joy. Then I would sing the chorus, 'Only Believe.' It was wonderful to experience the flood of joy and peace that God gave me. I can honestly say that some of the most joyful moments of my life were spent in that Communist prison cell."

During the long days in the prison, McGehee composed a collection of poems which he has entitled, "God Gave a Song in the Night."

"Down deep in my heart I had the conviction that the Reds never would take my life, although they threatened me constantly. On one occasion they questioned me steadily for 37 days."

The climaxing event of McGehee's prison experience came last January. There seemed no earthly way in which he could escape the charge of espionage which bore a death penalty. His brutal accuser, a Communist official named Tung, had preferred the charge against him and would have lost face if McGehee had been adjudged innocent. Then an amazing thing happened. Tung, along with several other Red bigwigs were themselves investigated by higher up Communists and found guilty of corruption and malfeasance in office. Last June Tung and two others were executed.

After this the case against McGehee, Clark and a third U. S. missionary fell apart.

While McGehee lost weight on his jail diet which consisted mostly of rice and boiled turnips, a chronic sinus infection cleared up and he feels better every day, he says.



MISSIONARY McGEHEE GREETED BY HIS FAMILY IN MEMPHIS
For all of them the nightmare of suspense is over

Conquest in Latin America

by Elisabeth Fletcher

CHRISTIAN LIFE Foreign Correspondent

SPEARHEADED by the Latin America Mission, a victorious evangelistic advance was made this year on 17 major cities south of the border.

Results of the mass effort have been most satisfactory, LAM officials report. Pastors have rededicated themselves to preaching the whole Gospel. Believers

have reconsecrated their lives to the Savior. In city after city, the evangelical forces have staged large united efforts—some for the first time in history. And, to top it all, there were more than 3,000 decisions for Christ.



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By the end of the year teams of missionaries will have traveled a total of some 20,000 miles and presented a total of some 225 city-wide campaign meetings.

But statistics are only a fraction of the story.

In Maracaibo, Venezuela, a local missionary said that the team incited "the greatest counter-campaign on the part of the Roman Catholic priests that we have ever had."

In Cartagena, Colombia, their contract for a theater meeting was canceled when the authorities learned the purpose of their visit. But in El Salvador, the capital's daily *Tribuna* heralded the team's arrival with an eight-column headline on the front page.

Sometimes there even seemed to be miracles.

And in Honduras, in the midst of a heavy rainy season, only one small drizzle fell during the 19 days of campaign. But no sooner had the team left town than the weather let loose with two weeks of downpour.

From the testimony of missionaries and national pastors alike, the campaigns have revolutionized many of the Christian communities in cities they've touched.

It was last January 20 that leaders of LAM stood by prayerfully, almost fearfully, as the initial city-wide effort opened in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Kenneth Strachan, general director of the Mission, had visited and corresponded with leaders in 12 countries as preparation for the campaigns.

But had it been too large a step of faith?

The local committee in Trinidad, too, had its qualms. Without much hope of filling it, they had rented a hall seating 3,000 people. This was the first time such a "united evangelical crusade" had ever been tried!

But that first night, not only was the

hall more than full, but 50 people responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Savior.

Evangelist for that first campaign was the Rev. Paul Van Gorder, pastor of Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, a church which later became a financial backer of the campaigns in Central America. Featured soloist was Anton Marco, former opera star, accompanied by Juilliard-graduate pianist Dick Foulkes.

Some 5,500 people attended the closing service, with a total of 853 decisions for Christ in the two weeks!

Next it was the smaller city of San Fernando, Trinidad, with some 200 reconsecrations and 257 decisions for Christ.

In Maracaibo, Venezuela, the team switched from English to Spanish for the rest of the schedule. Opposition was strong: Roman Catholics were threatened with dire punishment if they attended the meetings or listened to the team's radio broadcasts. Catholic radio, press and pulpit went all out to defeat the campaign.

Yet two big theater meetings were packed, and 71,000 tracts were eagerly received. Final count on decisions: 120 in two weeks.

It was in Caracas, Venezuela, that Lydia Butturin di Panaro, former Italian opera star, gave her heart to Christ.

In the closing meeting 56 came forward, making a total of 260 decisions in the 12 days. It was the first time Caracas' nine different evangelical groups had ever united.

Meetings were held out-of-doors in Managua, Nicaragua, and slightly ahead-of-season rains fell on three of the 19 nights! Evangelist Israel Garcia was stricken with appendicitis after he had preached his first sermon. Yet 288 made decisions for the Lord.

Only two Spanish-speaking churches in Panama City were available to cooperate, yet there were 104 conversions.

In Guayaquil, Ecuador, 210 decisions were recorded.

Then it was fanatical Quito. After the mayor's near-prevention of the meetings, he provided a bevy of policemen to guard the tent (loaned by the radio station HCJB) and six of those guards signed decision cards! Another six of the 124 converts were teen-agers who had come bent on damaging the electric power supply.

Next it was Lima, Peru, where restrictions are so tight that evangelicals may not hold meetings outside church property. The end of November they were due to fly back to San Jose, having accomplished one of the biggest jobs of evangelism in Latin America in recent times.

Progress Report on Brazil

REPORTS FROM BRAZIL continue to support the previous accounts of a movement that is reaching revival proportions.

Rodolfo Anders, general secretary of the Confederaçao Evangelica do Brasil, calls it a "spiritual awakening in many parts of Brazil."

Dr. Walter Ermel, president of the San Paulo Faculty of Theology, indicates that conversions have been reported in four figures after an 11-week campaign in that area.

Streets were blocked with kneeling people who attended some of the meetings conducted by the Rev. Synval Moraes in Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo.

Rev. Carl Hahn of the Oriental Missionary Society is quoted as saying that the progress of the Gospel in Brazil far exceeds that in any Oriental country.

In September, Dr. J. Edwin Orr of Los Angeles conducted a campaign in Niteroi's Municipal Theater where throngs up to 3,000 were reported. It was stated that there were more than 500 decisions for Christ in a single week.

Two Churches Bombed

TWO PROTESTANT CHURCHES at Palmira, in Colombia's western province of Valle del Calca were bombed September 16, according to word from the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia.

The bombed structures were identified as the Evangelical and Adventist churches of Palmira. The latter, a solid concrete building, was said to have sustained only broken windows, but a large hole was torn in the front wall of the Evangelical church and bricks and mortar were scattered through its auditorium.

No one was injured, the report said, although some 40 teachers from evangelical schools of the countryside were asleep in buildings near the church at the time of the explosion. They were gathered at Palmira for a teachers' seminar.

The Evangelical church is the center of a Gospel Missionary Union community that includes—in the same block—a Bible institute, a thirty-bed clinic and three missionary residences.

Recovered fragments indicated the bombs were home-made.

Problems in Greece

THE CAUSE OF CHRIST in Greece is beset with problems, according to reports issued during the general Assembly of the Greek Evangelical Church at Katerini.

Relations with the Greek Orthodox Church are not improving and the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom are not being observed, Dr. George A. Hadjiantoniou of Athens, who was re-elected as moderator, told the gathering.

Teachers in state-operated rural schools have been requiring evangelical pupils to attend Orthodox services on Sundays, the Assembly was told.

Another irksome problem is the shortage of pastors. Of the denomination's 19 organized churches in Greece, only nine have ordained ministers, the others being served by unordained workers and lay elders. It is expected that this situation will improve as a result of the activities of a theological institute established by the church in 1948.

Tent Mission in Germany

FIVE GROUPS of evangelists belonging to the German Baptist Tent Mission held services during the summer and fall in the larger centers of Western Germany.

Each of the teams is equipped with a large tarpaulin tent having a seating capacity of 1,200. The teams hold preaching services, usually accompanied by choir singing and trombone music.

A wide banner, hung up between two high poles in front of the tents, bears the inscription: "Nobody Can Evade Jesus Christ," motto of the evangelistic campaign.

Franz Luellau, leader of the mission, said that attendance at the services has been "amazingly large." People "stream" to the tents in such great numbers, he said, that often several hundred are forced to listen to the service over loudspeakers.

U.S. Wealth Up, Not Giving

ALTHOUGH AMERICANS made more money in 1951 than ever before, they aren't giving any more to the Lord.

Figures supporting this have been released by the Golden Rule Foundation, organization devoted to the interests of Christian stewardship, and based upon studies of information supplied by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Earnings for every man, woman and child in the country averaged \$1,584 in 1951, or a rise of 10 per cent over 1950.

A total of more than 29 billion was paid by U.S. citizens in various types of direct taxes. The same group gave about 2 billion to all types of religious and charitable work.

September Incident

THE SCHOOL INSPECTOR had just completed a rigid examination of the pupils' textbooks, their knowledge of Colombia's national heroes and the national anthem (they could sing all eleven stanzas), their ability to recite the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. Then he turned to the teacher for his final word.

"Senorita," he said, smiling a little, "everything is fine. Your books are correct, the room is well ventilated, and although not modern, the furniture makes a more or less good presentation."

He glanced around at the portraits, maps, flags and scientific pictures on the walls. "Everything is fine," he repeated. Then he paused. "The only thing on which we do not agree is religion. You have ten

days in which to take the necessary steps to have your school approved."

The teacher tried to smile. She knew—and so did he—that it was literally impossible for the school to be approved. And he would be more surprised than anyone if the evangelical school children of Sincelejo were to begin daily attendance at Catholic mass.

As soon as the inspector had gone, the teacher closed the door. "Children," she said tremulously, "let us pray." Every child in the hot little school room knelt, faced with something terrifying and much bigger than they were.

A few days later, another visitor approached the little Latin America Mission schoolhouse.

It was the mayor of Sincelejo, and he was not smiling. Angrily, he shouted to the children to pick up their books and get out. To the teacher he said coldly, "Senorita, perhaps you do not know that in Colombia today there is neither liberty of schools nor of conscience."

Yeager Heads CBMCI

OLD-TIMERS R. G. LeTourneau, industrialist of Longview, Texas, and Arnold Grunigen, Jr., investment banker of San Francisco, both former International chairmen, said farewell to the Christian Business Men's Committee International at its fifteenth annual convention in late October at Atlantic City.



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Retiring from the board of directors with LeTourneau and Grunigen were Dr. W. J. Barge, Miami; James E. Colville, New York City, and Elmer W. Flaming, Hillsboro, Kansas.

Joining in the fellowship of the Convention, along with 692 men and 466 ladies, were Mrs. Billy "Ma" Sunday of Winona Lake, Ind.; Jack Wyrzten, of the Word of Life Hour, New York City; Dr. P. W. DuBose, president of Hampden DuBose Academy, Zellwood, Fla.; Dr. Arthur W. McKee, general manager of Winona Lake Assembly; Bishop C. F. Derstine of Canada, and others.

Waldo Yeager, president of the Cortland Produce Co., Toledo, was elected new International chairman; Theodore E. McCully, wholesale bakery executive of Milwaukee, vice-chairman; and Don F. McKechnie, accountant, of Ottawa, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Tokyo Taxi Witness

A TAXI DRIVER named Hatazawa distributes gospel portions during his busy work day in Tokyo.

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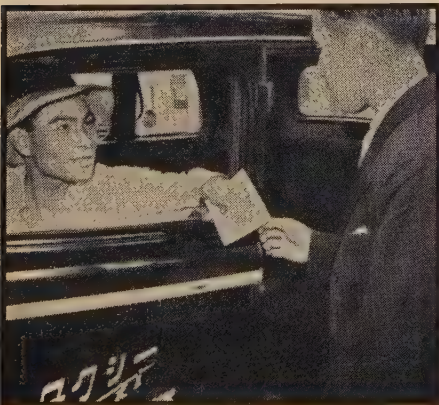
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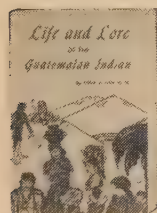
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Israeli Jews Turn to Christ

GOD'S ANCIENT PEOPLE are turning to Christ in sizable numbers in Israel, according to a recent report from Solomon R. Mozer of Jerusalem, who is working among the Jewish refugees from many lands.

Mozer states that recently 778 families have expressed their belief that Jesus Christ is the true Messiah and the Son of God. Mozer states that he was converted in 1950 in Israel after residing for 20 years in China. He and his family were forced out of China by the Reds in 1949.

Mozer declares that he is seeking to establish a body to be known as "The Church in Israel," made up entirely of Jewish believers. Many of the new converts have been brought to Christ through reading "The God of Israel," by Dr. D. L. Cooper of Los Angeles, founder of the Biblical Research Foundation.

Argentina Cracks Down

FOURTEEN RELIGIOUS bodies have been denied official recognition by the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship.

The move in Roman Catholic dominated and dictator-led Argentina strangely paralleled the moves by the governments of Spain and Italy against Protestant groups, particularly those with evangelistic zeal.

The Ministry told the groups they did not conform with provisions of a governmental decree of 1948 regulating the operation of non-Roman Catholic religious organizations.

Among the groups affected were German Mennonites, a Russian Orthodox faction, and several cults.

Italy & Spain Warn Protestants

PROTESTANTS, who still have any doubts about the matter were told in no uncertain terms recently that the Roman Catholic Church is unalterably opposed to religious freedom in lands where she has the upper hand.

This ancient position of the Roman Church was enunciated again in statements released in both Italy and Spain.

Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, published an article supporting the Italian

government's position that Protestant denominations in Italy have a limited right to exist.

Non-Catholic "sects" are subject to Italy's civil law and do not enjoy the special privileges granted to the Roman Catholic Church, the article declared.

In Spain, choleric Cardinal Segura fulminated against two American Roman Catholic publications who had taken him to task for warning last spring against the "Protestant danger" in Spain and objecting to the Spanish government's "tolerance" toward Protestants.

The Cardinal said he was not surprised that his letter brought Protestant protests. But he added:

"It is indeed strange that an attempt to

challenge our pastoral letter, which laid down the doctrine of the church, should appear in a review published by the Society of Jesus in New York."

Shortly before the latest blast from Segura, a similar stand had been taken by the Spanish Ministry of Affairs in a statement issued to the Rev. Paul E. Freed of Greensboro, North Carolina, a Youth for Christ worker.

Freed, a Southern Baptist, was told that "foreign intervention" on behalf of Spanish Protestants would do more harm than good because it was viewed by the Roman Catholic population with the "greatest distaste."

Franco's Foreign Minister, Alberto Martin Artajo, issued a formal statement which, in part, stated:

"Neither the Bill of Rights, basic constitutional charter of the Spanish people, nor our concordat with the Holy See gives the Government power to authorize Protestant proselytism, meaning by this the captivating of new proselytes."

Behind the strong position of the two leading Roman Catholic-dominated governments is the fact of a strong increase in Protestant activity, especially in Italy. This patent fact was admitted in a pastoral letter issued recently by Cardinal Schuster, archbishop of Milan.

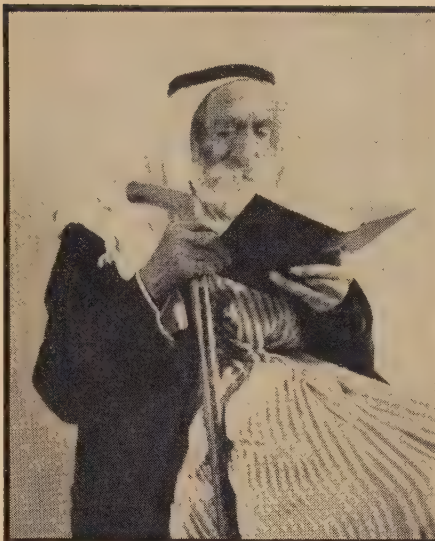
Freed, in a memorandum to the Spanish government, cited several instances of Spanish bigotry: refusal of authorities to permit a convention of Spanish Baptists at Alicante, closing of a Protestant chapel at Elda, and arrest of four young men in Madrid for passing out religious leaflets near a Protestant chapel.

Of Men and Movements

REV. ARCHIE MCNEILL, director of Cannon Beach Bible Conference, was fatally injured in a recent highway accident. He was a son of the late Dr. John McNeill. ■ The China Inland Mission Overseas Missionary Fellowship recently dedicated the Theodore Detenbeck Home for children of missionaries overseas. The building is located in Wheaton, Ill. ■ Epworth Park Camp, near Belvidere, Ill., where the Methodists held camp meetings for fifty years, has been purchased by the Illinois Conference of the Free Methodist Church. ■ The Rev. Ralph E. Mucher of Castile, N. Y., has been elected vice-president of Buffalo Bible Institute. ■ Dr. Henry H. Ness, chairman of the Washington State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, presented copies of the new RSV Bible to his staff in Seattle. ■ The Rev. Jared F. Gerig has been named president of the Missionary Church Association, succeeding the Rev. J. A. Ringenberg who had served for eight years. ■ The United Lutheran Church in America now has more than 2 million members who in a single year contributed \$8,592,023, it was revealed at the denomination's 18th biennial convention in Seattle. ■ Best Seller Publicity is sponsoring a "Power of a Verse" contest. ■ A recent decision by a Mexican high court virtually opened the door for making church marriages valid for the first time since 1857.

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► NATIONAL Teen-age Crusade

YOUTH FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL has launched a nation-wide teen-age crusade to enroll 10,000 youth pledged to win 100 converts each to "a faith in Christ."

Dr. Robert A. Cook, YFC president, said the crusade will be carried on through 1,000 Youth for Christ rallies and 1,500 high school Bible clubs sponsored by the organization.

Cook declared that eight-day youth crusades will "spill bus loads of Christian youth into various cities of the nation for an all-out effort to reach specific areas with the Gospel through house-to-house visitation, radio and TV programs, mobile units and mass meetings."

Seventeen evangelists employed by YFCI will be used in the mass meetings, he said.

Putting Christ in Christmas

FOR THE FIRST TIME since its inaugural five years ago, the pre-Christmas parade in the industrial city of Paterson, N. J., will focus attention on the true meaning of Christmas.

Heeding the requests of religious groups, the Greater Paterson Chamber of Commerce has agreed to replace the giant balloons designed to make the children conscious of the department store toylands with religious floats telling the story of the birth of Christ.

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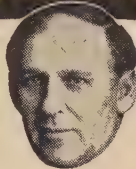
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the first edition of a million Bibles was
placed on sale, it was impossible to buy
a copy anywhere.

As a result of the tremendous sales
machinery set in motion to sell the Bible,
newspapers and magazines across the nation
have raced to outdo one another in publicity.

Since the copyright for the new Bible
is owned by the National Council of
Churches and most of the scholars who
worked on the translation are theological
liberals, it was to be expected that there
would be some distrust of the new trans-
lation.

Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the In-
ternational Council of Christian Churches,
pointed out immediately that the translators
have changed the word "virgin" to "young
woman" in Isaiah 7:14. This seems to
be the greatest alleged flaw in the highly
trumpeted version, although Bible Baptist
pastors meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., de-
clared they would reject the new transla-
tion which they describe as "the attempt
of the devil to discredit the holy Word
of God."

While *Action*, organ of the National
Association of Evangelicals, published a
first article unfavorable to the RSV, Dr.
Paul S. Rees, NAE president, in a state-
ment issued at Minneapolis was quick to
state that NAE has taken no action either
approving or disapproving the new version.

Dr. Rees said the article "represented
the views of the editor and one distin-
guished Presbyterian scholar."

An early issue of the NAE magazine
"will carry an article by another competent
scholar who will present the new transla-
tion in a favorable light," Rees promised.

But across the land, most believers were
content to wait before passing judgment.
They know of the archaisms of the beloved
King James version. The more informed
know that no version could be described
as perfect, even though the Word was
truly inspired of God in the original lan-
guages.

Parental Neglect of Crime

BEHIND THE STATISTICS of a rising na-
tional crime rate lies the tragic story of
parental neglect.

This was the declaration of Director J.
Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, who recently declared that
one million crimes have already been com-
mitted in the first six months of this year.
That indicates an increase of 6.4 per cent
more crimes committed than during the
same period of the previous year.

"Almost 30 per cent of all persons arrested
were less than 25 years of age," Hoover
declared, "and they were responsible for 55
per cent of all robberies, 60 per cent of
all burglaries, 69 per cent of all auto thefts
and 43 per cent of all larcenies.

"Behind these figures lie tragic stories of
parental neglect, broken homes, immorality,
adult delinquency and public apathy—pain-
ful proof that our nation is suffering from
spiritual starvation."



JOSEPH IN CARPENTER SHOP
Crowds saw "The Miracle of the Manger"

Pageant at Van Nuys

THIS YEAR during the holiday season streams
of visitors will make pilgrimages to the
First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, Cal., to
witness *The Miracle of the Manger*, a
pageant based on the Christmas story.

Except for a brief prologue of welcome,
the words of the script are taken directly
from Scripture, according to Dr. Porter L.
Barrington, pastor of the church.

Barrington says he first got the idea of
producing a Christmas pageant before the
present church structure was built.

"When I first saw the plans for that
long, flat roof," he said, "I dreamed of
putting on a true-to-the-Scripture pageant
showing the birth of Christ."

Enthusiastically produced in its entirety
by the members of the church last season,
The Miracle of the Manger proved to be a
real success. Twice each evening for six
nights crowds gathered to see the thirty-
minute spectacle. The music and narra-
tive were recorded and the actors timed
their pantomimes to correspond to the words.

The pageant consists of five forceful
scenes: Isaiah giving the prophecy 700
years before the birth of Christ; the angel's
appearance to Mary; Joseph in the carpen-
ter shop and the angel's appearance to
him; shepherds on the hillside; and the
final scene with Mary, Joseph, and the
shepherds grouped about the new-born
Christ-Child.

Free Plans 1953 Cruise

DR. JOSEPH P. FREE, professor of archeology
at Wheaton College, has announced that
the Sixth Wheaton Bible Lands Cruise will
sail from New York Feb. 18, 1953, aboard
the new Italian liner, S.S. *Andrea Doria*.

After the cruise headquarters is estab-
lished at Jerusalem, trips will be made to
Bethlehem, Hebron, Samaria, Jacob's Well
and the other important biblical sites of
Palestine. The group will make a special
trip to the new excavations at Jericho, which
have uncovered new evidence of man's
activity between 3,000 and 4,000 B.C.

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Southern Baptists in Denver

IN KEEPING with the westward expansion of the Southern Baptists, a new liberal arts college is being formed in Denver, and expects to open its doors in September, 1953. Elected as president of the school is Dr. Hale V. Davis, formerly president of Oklahoma Baptist University and previously associated with the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary in Denver.

The institution will be operated by the Southern Baptists of Colorado and Wyoming.

Hear Public Relations Expert

PRESIDENTS and officials of more than 50 Christian colleges and Bible schools attended the three-day workshop on public relations and fund raising conducted by the Friends of Christian Higher Education in mid-October at the Lawson YMCA, Chicago.

Principal speaker at the gathering was Thomas F. Gonser, former vice-president of Northwestern University and head of his own public relations concern in Chicago. Dr. Roger Voskuyl, president of Westmont College was re-elected president of FCHE.

BIOLA Gets New Head

DR. LOUIS T. TALBOT, for 20 years director and president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, has resigned to take the honorary post of chancellor of the Institute. He is succeeded by Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, who has been dean of the school since 1942.



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Dr. Talbot served as pastor of the Church of the Open Door from 1932 to 1949.

Dr. Sutherland is a graduate of Occidental College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served in various capacities at BIOLA since 1936.

BIOLA now has four schools training young people for Christian service: Bible Institute, Bible College, Talbot Seminary and School of Missionary Medicine.

Northern Baptist Wins Honor

NORTHERN BAPTIST Theological Seminary, Chicago, has been accredited by the American Association of Schools of Religious Education, according to an announcement made recently by Dr. Charles W. Koller, seminary president. It is said to be the first school in the country offering degrees in the field of Christian education on both the graduate and undergraduate level.

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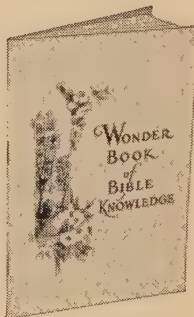
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► DENOMINATIONS

ACCC Head Bolts Conference

IN A DRAMATIC finale to the denomination's seventh annual conference at Memphis, Dr. W. W. Breckbill of Altoona, Pa., president of the American Council of Churches, led his faction out of the Evangelical Methodist Church.

Breckbill said his group would organize an "Evangelical Congressional Methodist Bible-Believing Church."

The American Council leader was one of the two general superintendents of the 50,000-member Evangelical Methodist body.

The remaining general superintendent, Dr. J. H. Hamblen of Abilene, Texas, at once installed the Rev. Lucian D. Smith to the vacated post. Hamblen is the father of Stuart Hamblen, cowboy evangelist and recent Prohibition party candidate for president.

In the walkout, Breckbill was reported to have drawn with him nearly a fourth of the 250 conference delegates. Precipitating the withdrawal was a ballot over the appointment of a new editor for the Evangelical Methodist magazine. A conference majority voted to place Dr. Mac Hamby of Florence, Ala. in the editor's job over the protests of Breckbill's followers. Breckbill had been the previous editor.

An earlier cause of the friction, Hamblen's adherents said, was Breckbill's acceptance of a minister thought by Hamblen to be unworthy of a place in the Evangelical Methodist fold.

There were theological differences, too. The main one hinged upon Article of Religion No. 26 defining "perfect love."

Hamblen and Breckbill established the Evangelical Methodist denomination in Memphis in 1946, each contributing his independent church group.

POAC Meets in Montreal

SOME 200 delegates representing a constituency of 100,000 in the 660 affiliated Pentecostal and associated churches in ten Canadian provinces, attended the 18th biennial conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada in Montreal recently.

The Hon. Phillip A. Gagliardi, new cabinet minister in the British Columbia government and a pastor of Calvary Temple in Kamloops, British Columbia, gave one of the principle addresses.

The Rev. Walter E. McAlister of Vancouver was named new general superintendent of POAC.

► FILMS

Film Group Buys Historic Spot

THE PURCHASE by Good News Productions, Inc., of historic Washington Hall and 15 other buildings at Chester Springs, Pa., constitutes one of the most ambitious ventures in recent evangelical annals.

Irvine S. Yeaworth, Jr., 26-year-old minister's son, is the sparkplug and executive director of the enterprise which was organized three years ago for the production of Christian motion pictures, radio and television programs.

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Crawford's "Youth on the March" television program, who first conceived the idea of Good News Productions. Then he took the lead in getting the \$150,000 property at Chester Springs, some 35 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

"There is no large religious film firm in the East," Yeaworth declared. "Most of them are fly-by-night organizations that are forced to rent what they need. . . . We think we have the perfect location for this work. We chose Philadelphia both for its cultural background and because it is the hub of the Eastern religious market."

First Good News production was Percy Crawford's "Youth on the March," first coast-to-coast gospel TV show.

Yeaworth studied for the ministry, later took classes in music and radio, then decided he could preach the Gospel better with a camera and a microphone.

► EVANGELISM

Rule Out Bible Classes

CHILD EVANGELISM Fellowship classes in the Chicago suburb of Berwyn have been ruled out of the village's schools by the Board of Education.

The action came as a result of the opposition to the classes by Lutheran and Congregational ministers, according to a report in the Chicago *Sun-Times*. Rev. Hugh R. Pruter of the North Berwyn Congregational Church contended the classes should be held in churches and not in tax-supported institutions.

Christ for America a Success

BY THE MIDDLE of October, it was plain that the Christ for America campaign sponsored by Christ for America and many co-operating agencies was a spiritual success.

"I am sure this will be the greatest fall for evangelism in a long while in our own New England," declared Dr. Wesley Huber, executive director of the New England Evangelistic Association, commenting on the effort.

While there were many spectacular cam-

paigns in the larger centers, the great bulk of the campaign was being undertaken in the smaller communities across the nation, it appeared.

23 Big Days

MORE THAN 1,200 decisions for Christ were recorded during the "23 Big Days" at Memphis' Ellis Auditorium this fall when Dr. Hyman J. Appelman served as evangelist.

Sparkplug of the campaign was Jimmy Stroud, director of the Union Gospel Mission and Memphis Youth for Christ.

A rally originally set for Crump Stadium was forced indoors by rainy weather. More than 10,000 persons jammed their way into the auditorium for a program that included Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, cowboy actors, and Judge Francis Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor of Arkansas.

► MISSIONS

TEAM Opens Bible School

HOUSED IN THREE newly constructed buildings, The Evangelical Alliance Mission's Ebenezer Bible Institute, located at San Cristobal, Venezuela, began classes November 3. In addition to a classroom building the institute includes men's and women's dormitories.

Supervising the construction of the new buildings was J. F. Swanson, TEAM associate general director and veteran South American missionary.

School for India

A BIBLE SCHOOL to train nationals of north-east India will be opened soon in Calcutta, it was announced by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

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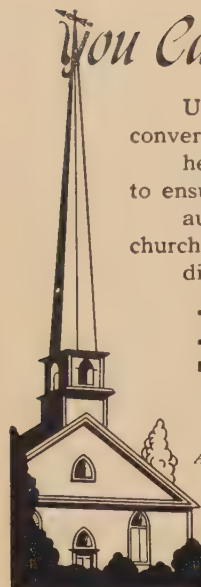
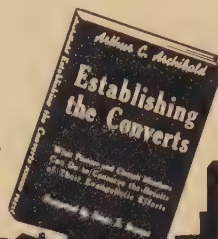
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Dr. Paul S. Rees, pastor of First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, presided at the dinner held in Dr. Anderson's honor. Speakers at the occasion were Paul A. Westburg, chairman of the Covenant trustees and chairman of the board of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and Rev. Clarence A. Nelson, president of North Park College and Theological Seminary. Others sharing in the service were the Rev. Arthur Anderson, president of Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis; Rev. Joseph C. Danielson, secretary of the Evangelical Mission Covenant; and Rev. Ralph P. Hanson, secretary of foreign missions.

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THE REV. JOHN F. WALVOORD, A.M., Th.D., was elected president and professor of Systematic Theology of the Dallas Theological Seminary by the seminary boards in October.



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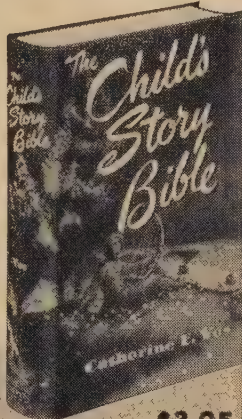
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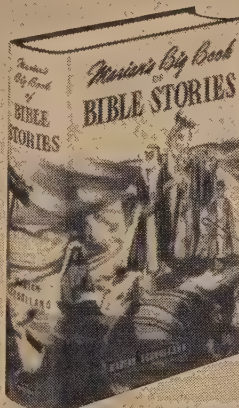
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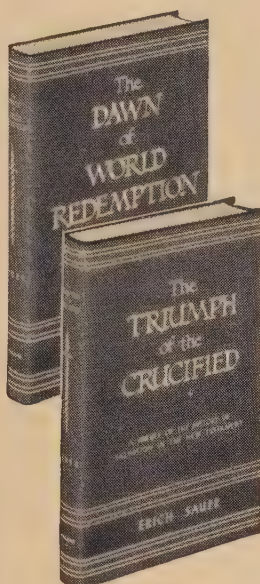
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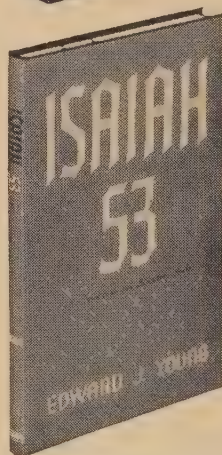
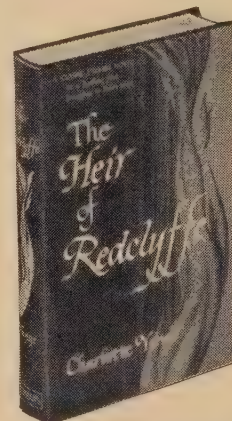
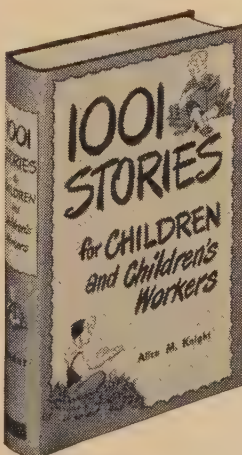
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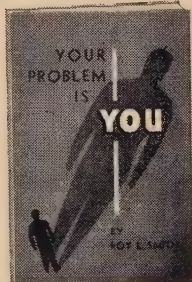
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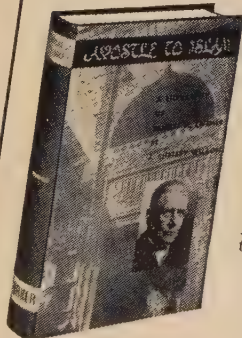
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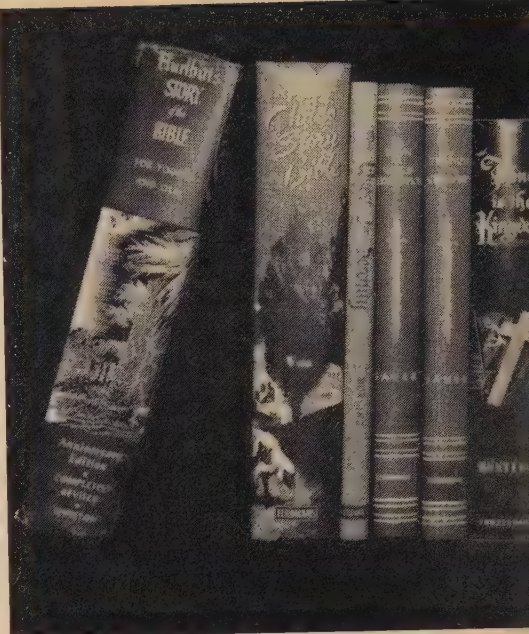
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The following recap is given so readers will have a panoramic view of CHRISTIAN LIFE's book selections of the month.

Today's low-tide moral tone, plus a jittery world situation, has reaped a crop of frustrated victims. Even among church folk this is true. Recognizing the need of a spiritual antidote for this situation, our first selection of the year was, *The Quest for Serenity* by G. H. Morling. This little gem, which may be easily read at one sitting, leads the care-weary pilgrim traveling through the dark valley of suffering to the bright morning of soul serenity. This book abounds in good spiritual advice.

February's choice, *Thine Is the Kingdom* by James H. Hunter, has proven to be one of the top-notch Christian novels to come from the press this year. Christian fiction vaulted several degrees with the publishing of this intriguing story.

A provoking problem in this so-called modern age is that of raising children. Histories of mothers moving from concern to alarm to agonizing heartbreakings are not infrequent. For this reason Dr. C. B. Eavey's book, *Principles of Personality Building for Christian Parents* was brought to our readers' attention. This work deserves a place in the important "family section" of any Christian library.



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Our May selection was of the theological-devotional genus. *Isaiah 53* (actually an exegesis of Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12) is written by one of the foremost young scholars of our day. Without plaguing himself with easy-to-accept, humanistic claptrap, Dr. E. J. Young charts in simple expressions God's redemptive plan of salvation, which is man's through the vicarious atonement of Christ. This book added only 91 pages to your library, but they are 91 masterly written pages on the master of all subjects.

At the beginning of summer, our attention was turned toward children and youth. Two short, beautiful textbooks embracing biblical material were our choices. *My Good Shepherd*, especially written for grades 3 and 4, is a fascinating true-to-the-Scriptures account of the life and teachings of Jesus. The other book, *The Life and Journeys of Paul*, is geared to grades 7 and 8. It would be a mistake to limit the purchasing of these books to Christian schools. Any library accessible to children should contain these Christ-exalting texts.

The July issue revealed a deviation from our evangelical emphasis. Due to the magnitude of Whittaker Chamber's laborious production, *Witness*, and the up-to-the-second nature of the subject matter, this 800-page volume was recommended as a worthy entry to the Christian's library.

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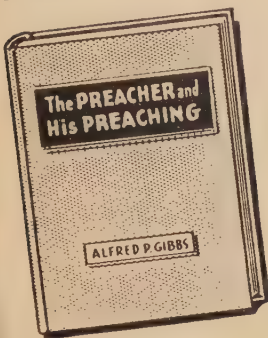
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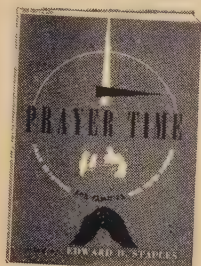
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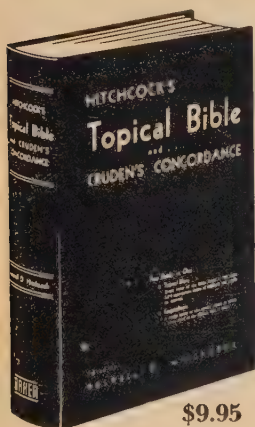
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August, too, brought something rather unusual in Dr. Eugene A. Nida's *God's Word in Man's Language*. This important volume is packed with rich linguistic experiences which unfold a heretofore all but unknown missionary task. This book is alive with interesting information.

Two reprints of the better children's Bible story books were considered in a composite review for September. It is our opinion that *Hurlbut's Story of the Bible* shades *The Child's Story Bible* from the artistic point of view, but in biblical interpretation and evangelistic fervor the work of Catherine Vos is unsurpassed.

The late Samuel M. Zwemer, the *Apostle to Islam*, was the subject for October. This volume by J. Christy Wilson fills a real need in the study of Moslem missions. The bibliography for a study course in world missions must not ignore this book, nor should any up-to-date Christian library be without it.

Climaxing these selections for 1952 was a composite review of two books on the survey of the history of salvation in the Old and New Testaments. *The Dawn of World Redemption* and *The Triumph of the Crucified* were both written by Erich Sauer. In comparison to the other lead books these are slow reading. Every minute spent in studying these volumes, however, is time well spent. They are solid biblical works, and one need not be a prophet to suggest that they will enjoy a long and useful history.

This brief resume shows not only that 13 important, scholarly books were brought to the attention of 195,000 potential monthly readers, but that subjects covered in these volumes substantially advance CHRISTIAN LIFE's 1952 editorial platform. Out of seven points in the platform only point three, "To encourage the formation of prayer groups for a world-wide revival," finds no direct expression in these special reviews.

This 1952 line-up of select books reveals that ten fields of thought were covered by twelve authors writing through seven publishing houses. It is apparent from this disclosure that no hobby-horse subjects have been ridden, nor have any writers or publishing houses received exclusive attention.

An occasional criticism has been received regarding some of our selections, evaluations and theological points of view. It would be folly, indeed, for us to claim that we have selected the 13 best books of the year, and that our evaluations have been void of error. But concerning our theological point of view, which is evangelical and conservative, we offer no apology.

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- January. (Devotional: Inner Life.)
The Quest for Serenity. By G. H. Morling. Eerdmans. \$1.50.
- February. (Fiction: Novel.)
Thine is the Kingdom. By James H. Hunter. Zondervan. \$3.
- March. (No selection. Article on correspondence.)
- April. (Textbook: Christian family.)
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May. (Devotional: Exposition.)
Isaiah 53. By E. J. Young. Eerdmans. \$1.50.

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My Good Shepherd. By Ernest M. Wadsworth.
 Moody. \$2.
The Life and Journeys of Paul. By Charles F.
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July. (Biography: Social-political.)
Witness. By Whittaker Chambers. Random
 House. \$5.

August. (Missions: Translation.)
God's Word in Man's Language. By Eugene A.
 Nida. Harper. \$2.50.

September. (Bible: Children's stories.)
Hurlbut's Story of the Bible. By J. L. Hurlbut.
 Winston. \$4.95.
The Child's Story Bible. By Catherine Vos.
 Eerdmans. \$3.95.

October. (Missions: Biography.)
Apostle to Islam. By J. Christy Wilson. Baker.
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November. (Bible: Theology.)
The Dawn of World Redemption. By Erich
 Sauer. Eerdmans. \$3.
The Triumph of the Crucified. By Erich Sauer.
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December. (No selection. Recap of 1952 se-
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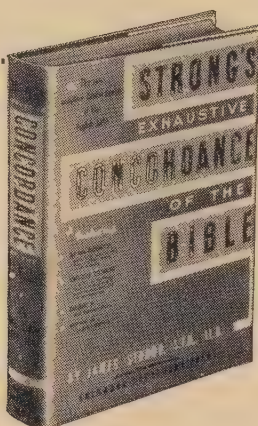
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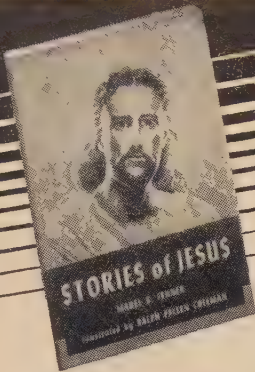
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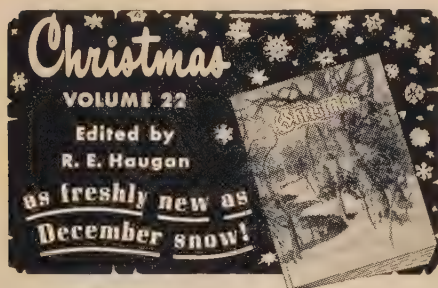
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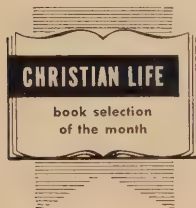
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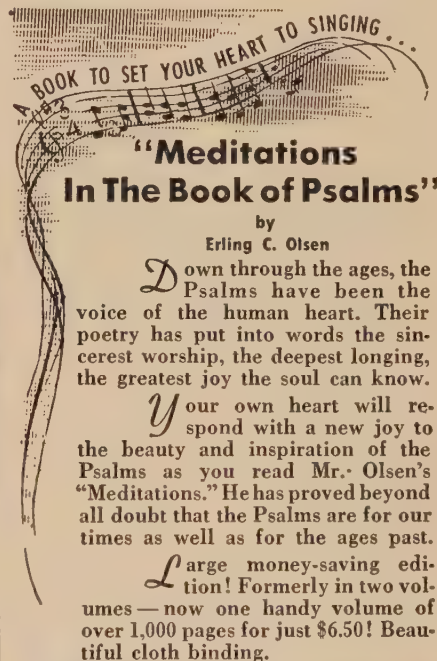
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For Non-Christians

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Or, approaching the opportunity from another position, William Kramer's *Happiness Can Be Yours* is a plausible choice. Assuming that lost souls, when serious, are troubled souls, this fascinating and provocative little book could be quite disarming. For a limited treatment, this work manifests a remarkable focusing of biblical ideas.

For Students of the Bible

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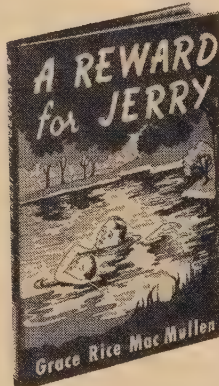
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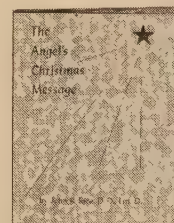
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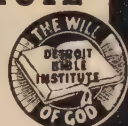
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as a standard before most of their people have even seen it smacks of monarchy or of popery, but not of Protestantism or true democracy.

It is true that the Bible which has been almost universally accepted among English-speaking Protestants for the past 300 years is quite generally called "The Authorized Version." Yet, like so many names, this one gives a false impression. There is really no evidence that King James ever authorized this version. He gave impetus to its preparation, and selected a splendid group of trained scholars for the task. But its acceptance was not at all due to his favor, but solely to the excellence of the work. As a matter of fact, it won favor very slowly, and did not become the standard version of the English-speaking world until many years after James had ceased to reign.

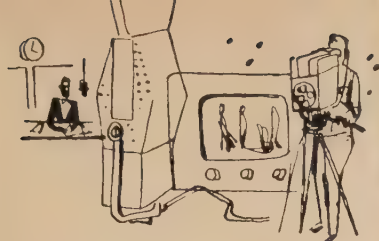
Does this new version have such accuracy and general excellence as to warrant an expectation that it will come in time to be universally accepted? If it has such surpassing merits as its proponents claim, let us accept it on that ground, but not on any argument that it is "an authorized version."

When we look at the version, we find a great disparity in its contents. It was prepared by two committees, one on the New Testament and one on the Old Testament. The work on the New Testament was, on the whole, well done. It has many excellencies, but there is one major flaw, which constitutes a serious blemish. Since this major weakness also applies to the Old Testament, we shall leave its discussion until after we look at that section of the work.

The Old Testament is far from the calibre of the New Testament. As one looks it over, he wonders what its translators were endeavoring to do. Time and again it has a footnote to indicate that it has abandoned the Hebrew original and adopted a reading which is only found in some ancient translation into Greek or Aramaic. Frequently it simply abandons the Hebrew and adopts a different reading with no ancient evidence whatever. Many of these cases are indicated in footnotes; in others, there is nothing at all to show what has been done. It is quite incorrect to label this portion of the work "Holy Bible." It makes little effort to give a translation of what the Hebrew contains; instead it tells what the translators think the writers ought to have said.

This is what we might expect when we note the list of translators. Out of the 22 men named on the jacket, five are professors in Union Theological Seminary, the very fountain head of what is known as "modernism." Few of the translators have ever professed belief in the historic Christian doctrines of the

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RADIO-TV

TO AID IN YOUR SELECTION

Reasons to Rejoice

NO GOSPEL broadcasting in Communist countries behind the iron curtain this Christmas season. This statement should cause every one of us to be extremely grateful for our gospel broadcasts and telecasts. The air waves will soon be flooded with Christmas carols and familiar Christian melodies. By means of short wave, some courageous souls behind these man-made curtains can share at least a bit of our gospel broadcasting. If only they could hear more.

We have real reasons to rejoice! The Lord has been pleased to supply the need of many broadcasting ministries in this nation. Charles Fuller has been able to continue these many years his coast-to-coast "Old Fashioned Revival Hour." "The Radio Bible Class," under the ministry of M. R. DeHaan, has also remained on the air these many years.

Jack Wyrzten has increased his radio testimony, "The Word of Life Hour," over the Yankee Network in New England. Percy Crawford's fourth year of his telecast "Youth on the March" is reaching multitudes on the DuMont Network. Donald Grey Barnhouse is enlarging his radio ministry, "Bible Study Hour." "God's Truth Marches On" is also being enlarged by William Ward Ayer.

"The Hour of Decision" broadcasts and telecasts by Billy Graham are increasing in coast-to-coast privileges, and Theodore Epp continues calling all listeners "Back to the Bible." The "Light and Life Hour" through the ministry of Myron Boyd is also being bountifully blessed of the Lord and "Showers of Blessings" of the Church of the Nazarene has been extended under the direction of T. W. Willingham. Even though Wesley R. Steelberg, the messenger of "Revivaltime," was called home, we do rejoice that the broadcast did not die with him.

"The Lutheran Hour" is another example of God's great goodness in making possible the continuation of this radio ministry, with an added telecast beamed to reach the unsaved. The "Quizspiration" of Dale Crowley is also enlarging its borders from our capital city. "America for God" has also been favored with valuable victories through the ministry of Harry Hager. Coulson Shepherd's "Message to Israel" is being aired over additional stations. First Mate Bob and his staff have been blessing the West Coast for a long time, inviting everyone into the reality of the "Haven of Rest."

Scores of other broadcasting brethren could be mentioned if space permitted. Some have been on the air for 20 to 30 years. Certain Christian training centers such as Bob Jones University and Moody Bible Institute are broadcasting daily the

THEODORE ELSNER
editor



"Good News of Redemption." In many of our cities, one may tune in on Sunday to one or more religious broadcasts all day and evening. What a privilege has been our portion. I am just wondering how many of us are really grateful in heart. Do we avail ourselves of what the Lord has given? We have been favored beyond any other nation in the world. We must keep the air waves open for more of the Gospel!

■ Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, RCA board chairman, is firm in his conviction that international TV will be realized within five years. It will become a powerful aid, socially, educationally and politically. Upon his return from his trip abroad, he recently declared that before many years all cities and towns of the United States will be able to tune in the panorama that television will present of Israel and the Mediterranean world. Similarly, one will be able to view the world as the electronic cameras swing from nation to nation. He added, "I wish it were possible for all Americans to visit abroad. I am sure they would return home with greater appreciation for the blessings and privileges enjoyed in the United States."

■ The value of broadcasting is confirmed by the Kremlin. The Communist international broadcasts now total more than 1,240 weekly broadcast hours of propaganda, with an annual expenditure of over one-half billion dollars. These broadcasts are sent out in 47 languages and dialects. This sustains that we need more gospel broadcasting in other nations. So we have real reasons to rejoice that some of our broadcasting brethren are increasing their responsibilities in reaching other nations over foreign stations.

■ The "Apostle to the Nations," of the Far East Broadcasting Co., should be placed on our prayer list. This radio ministry involves the broadcasting of the Gospel in Greece. While preparing this column, we have been informed that John Broger, pres.; and W. J. Roberts, sec.-treas. are well on their way to what may prove to be one of the most important means with which they have yet been entrusted. They have attended the sessions of the convening of the Greek Parliament, requesting a franchise to build Christian radio stations similar to those now being operated by the Far East Broadcasting Co. in the Philippines. The granting of the franchise by the Greek Parliament will constitute the final step in the negotiations.

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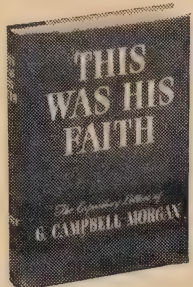
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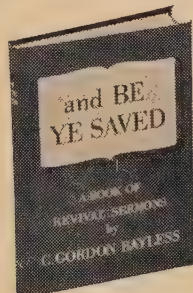
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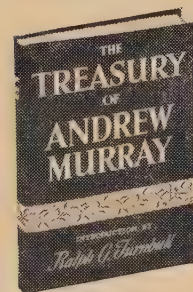
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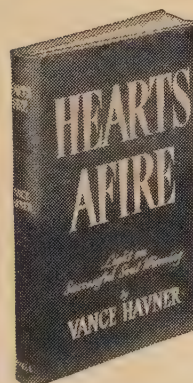
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deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His bodily resurrection, His substitutionary atonement, etc. Many of them have publicly denied that the Bible is an infallible Book, giving, in the original autographs, the very words that God desires us to believe, and hence our greatest and surest source of fact and truth.

They regard it instead as a work of Hebrew genius, the expression of the thoughts of men of long ago, often contradicting one another, and rarely if ever expressing ideas which had been revealed to them by God Himself. The historic Christian doctrine of the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Bible is utterly foreign to the thinking of most of these 22 men.

Can men with such presuppositions prepare a satisfactory translation of God's Word? Even if it should be possible for the New Testament, which is a unified body of material from a brief period, with ideas easily determined whether one agrees with them or not, it is hardly possible for the Old Testament. If God re-

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vealed ideas to these men, of which they would otherwise be ignorant, their exact words are very important. If He did not do so, then it is natural to rule out everything that does not appear to the natural mind to be an idea that could easily have occurred to men living in those days. And this is exactly what the translators of this version of the Old Testament have done.

If space permitted it would be easy to prove this assertion. As it is, we must be content with briefly mentioning a few instances. In no one of them has the change of wording been caused by any new linguistic or archaeological discovery. No new manuscript discovery gives the slightest warrant for any one of the changes that we will list. All of them are solely the result of the anti-supernatural bias of the translators.

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tion, to help you in your work.

This analysis, of course, should not be viewed as an all-inclusive report. Some publishers, for various reasons, did not respond to our request. In favor of those who did respond, it bears mentioning that some of them have several other Bibles appropriate for teacher's use. Any of these publishers will send information upon request.

Due to the complexity of this task and

the corresponding difficulty for readers to obtain a comprehensive view of this material, we have chosen to relay our findings in chart form. To augment any employment of obscure terminology used in the chart, the following germ-definitions are supplied.

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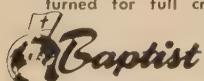
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Erwin John believes the library should facilitate the education of the church layman in his religious background, as well as be a workers' library for Sunday school teachers. Sermons are primarily to inspire, not to educate. Public libraries do not carry a complete selection of religious books. Neither does the average bookstore. Even if it did, few people can afford to purchase many.

Publicity and lots of it is imperative to start a library and maintain interest in it. A verbal announcement during the service is the most effective publicity, but a congregational letter introducing the library and frequent notices in the weekly bulletin also help rouse interest.

A sort of trial and error method was used to get both books and readers. A request for used, worthwhile religious books—not mere dust catchers—brought in only a few books. Then a library committee was formed, consisting of the assistant pastor, the director of religious education, the president of the women's guild and two other enthusiastic women.

Persons belonging to the club may purchase books from a given book concern at a 10 per cent discount, with the understanding that after books are read, they become

library property. Only one person joined!

Twenty-five "approved" books had been acquired when a flyer announcing the library was issued. Other announcements were made during services.

The Sunday school teachers gradually became interested and, through them, the children. Then reorganization of the church offices made it possible to grant a room to the library convenient to the entrance of the Sunday school building. A door sign and book jackets on a conspicuous bulletin board promoted more interest.

Title divisions range through fiction, inspirational, devotional, biography, art and music, doctrinal, missions, Bible commentary, ethics and social work, history and travel.

The Junior Library includes primary, intermediate and high school literature. Also, there are a few albums of classical sacred music and readings from the Bible.

Four methods of obtaining books or money to buy them were derived:

1. Large donations in the form of books or money as memorials. A book plate "In Memoriam," giving name of donor is put in these volumes.

2. Fines for books overdue.

3. Birthday open house is held annually. A cardboard cake, slotted in the top for contributions, is prominently displayed at the library door.

4. Used books of little value donated were sold to private individuals for 25 cents each or less. A used book dealer offered only a stipend, and a scrap dealer even less.

The library is open every Sunday for 10 or 15 minutes before and after services. Someone is present regularly to help the borrowers select and check out books, which may be kept for three weeks. There

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Make Your Own Bookmarks

by Elizabeth Lewis

AS A project for beginners and primaries, try making bookmarks. Children will enjoy making them as gifts or for themselves. Designs are simple to draw or trace. Cut out flowers, figures and letters from felt and paste on oilcloth. The oilcloth measures approximately 2 x 6. The little felt pieces are easily cut from accompanying patterns and glued to the oilcloth. Appropriate and short verses to match the design can be put together from letters cut out such as: "God is Love," "Watch and Pray," etc. This can be related to the lesson as well as adding inspiration and meaning to the bookmarks. This project should prove especially valuable around the Christmas season.



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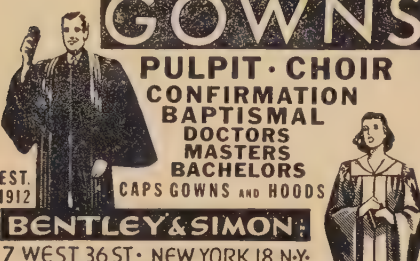
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by **Laura Emerson**

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References: Ex. 20:16, Col. 3:9, Prov. 6:16, Rev. 21:27, Ps. 19:14.

Procedure: Introduce the Lying Label family: Daddy Water, Mother Ink, Sister Sugar, Brother Beans, or whatever false labels you choose.

DISCUSS the ninth commandment. The children will probably help to tell you what a false witness is, stressing the purpose or intent to deceive. Make it clear that lies may be acted or made, as well as told. The children may like to read some of the Bible references noting the verbs "tell" and "make" a lie.

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Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you,
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So she courageously tells Grandmother who is sorry about the accident, but proud of her truthful grand-daughter.

Conclusion: End with the positive emphasis on truth and God's help.

If desired, paste true labels on the bottles.

Close the lesson with the song: "I Would Be True."

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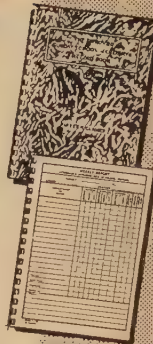
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How To Start A Church Paper

by George L. Henderson

IF YOUR group is looking for an inexpensive yet appreciated service which can be rendered your church, try writing, editing and distributing a church newspaper.

All you need is paper, stencils, use of a mimeograph or other duplicating machine and a few willing workers. You can adapt your project to fit the needs and facilities of your church through slight variations of the plan explained here.

First, settle on answers to the following questions: 1. How often will we publish our paper? 2. How many pages will it contain? 3. What form of physical make-up can we use? 4. What special features and news will be in our paper? 5. How and to whom will it be distributed?

Many successful church papers are published once a month. This makes it possible to include news that isn't too stale and notices of coming events which don't come too far in advance—and you don't have to work on the paper every day in order to meet the deadline. It comes out often enough so people remember what was in the last issue and get in the habit of looking forward to the next issue.

To publish weekly involves too much concentrated effort by workers, and it no longer is fun. To publish at intervals longer than a month tends to produce ineffective results.

Number of pages in each issue will depend largely upon the amount of money you can spend for paper and the number of features and news stories you plan to include. Begin with a two or three page paper.

Physical make-up should be plain, yet attractive. Neat appearing pages can be designed without pictures, using stories of different lengths to break up monotony.

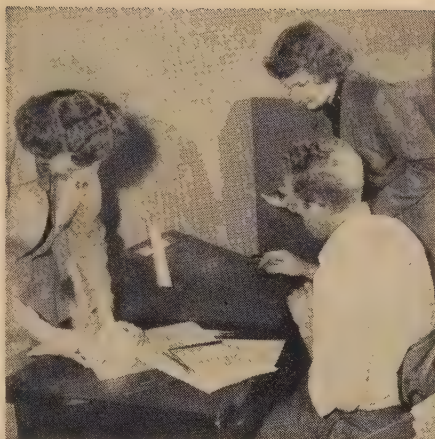
If you have a talented artist in your group, a drawing on the front page will freshen up your paper's appearance. The picture should depict a scene directly related to, or an integral part of, your main news story, feature or editorial. Drawings can be made on stencils, if care is taken. Undoubtedly you can find a group member who knows how to cut stencils and run the duplicating machine. If your church has a mimeograph, the secretary or pastor will know how to use it.

Type, kind and number of news stories and special features will be dictated by the interests of your readers. To be a successful publisher, you must provide for your audience what they want to read, not what you want to write. Large newspapers and magazines continually take polls of readers in order to find out just what to include in their periodicals.

If you apply a little logic, you can determine which things will be most interesting to your readers.

Certainly they will want to know what meetings, parties, banquets, special services, etc., are coming in the near future. Be sure to include accurate descriptions of time, date and place.

People are interested in reading about



Getting out a paper is a satisfying task.

themselves, their friends and celebrities. Newspapers keep their pages full of such tidbits of information about people. Great care must be taken, however, to be sure that names are spelled correctly and addresses and ages, if used, are up-to-date and accurate.

A "gossip" column, if handled correctly, isn't out of place. In fact, it probably will turn out to be the most read feature in your paper.

Don't forget the kids. When you write about a youngster you gain not only one more happy reader but also the family, relatives and friends. Be sure to mention those receiving honors in school and church.

Always write up special events such as Christmas programs, mother-daughter banquets, class picnics, etc. Your stories don't have to be too long, but they should include what, where, when and especially who.

Two best ways to distribute your papers to the readers are by mail and by direct delivery. Your postmaster will be glad to tell you of special rates he has for distribution of such non-profit organization literature.

Easiest way to pass out papers to church members, however, is to catch them when leaving church on Sunday morning. Members of your organization can take turns passing the papers out at the church door.

All pages but the front page can be made up simply, using either two or three columns of print. A one- or two-line headline, typed in capital letters, is sufficient for each story. Use asterisks between stories when they end before the end of a column.

Front page should include the name of your paper, your picture, if you have one, date of publication and identification number of the issue.

A special column, written by your minister, possibly entitled "The Pastor's Corner," will be widely read. He will be glad to write it for you. It should be included on either the first or second page of your paper.

That's all there is to it.

If your church doesn't have a paper, and you want to contribute a worth-while service, get together with your group and elect an editor, reporters, printers and distribution committee. Get a staff adviser, possibly your pastor, and publish a church paper!

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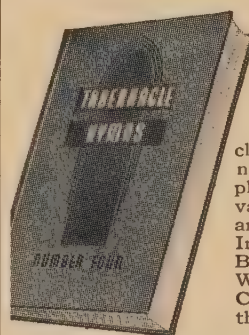
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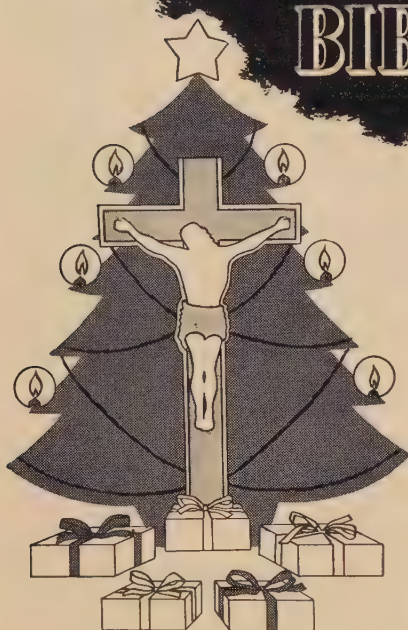
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Teaching Aid:

Reviewing Memory Verses

by Sylvia Mattson

DO YOUR pupils find it tedious to review the memory verses learned during the quarter? If so, why not make a game of it? For example, we have Psalm 119:105 as a verse memorized during the quarter. Prepare fourteen small circles from construction paper, one for each word. Place the word "Thy" on one circle, "Word" on another, "Is" on another, continuing until each circle has a word written upon it. Make circles for all the verses learned during the quarter, using a different color for each verse. Place each verse of circles in an envelope.

As your pupils are seated around the table, give each one an envelope. At a signal, each student removes the circles from his envelope and endeavors to unscramble his words. The pupil must place circles in proper sequence so that his verse reads correctly.

Each student should be given a chance to unscramble a number of verses during the "review." A prize can be given to the pupil who secures the most "firsts" at unscrambling the verses.

If your circles become mixed, sort the verses out by color. Thus, it is very important to use a different color for each verse.

You need not wait until the end of the quarter to play this game. There can be a "mid-term" review.

I believe your pupils will like this way of reviewing their memory verses. **END**

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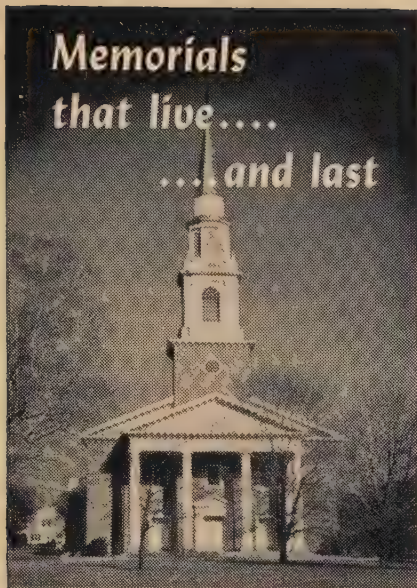
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It is hoped that this short analysis may be of some help to students of the Bible. The actual choice is a personal matter depending upon the particular service one has for the Bible, the usefulness and availability of the individual home or church library, and, practically speaking, the money in one's pocket for such a purchase.

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Attention Getter:

Lesson Tip For Lively Boys

by Evelyn Witter

WHAT appeals to a class of squirmish, inattentive eight-year-old boys? Ball games, of course! All kinds—football, basketball, baseball.

So, to capture their attention, make such a class into a team. During the spring, they can be a baseball team; in the fall, a football team, and in the winter a basketball team. They will enjoy talking about sports in Sunday school.

The teacher must explain that she is the main player on the team. It is important that she make the ball score. The ball is really the Sunday school lesson. The pupils then must play with the teacher as they would on any good team. That's the only way to win!

A football field is drawn on the blackboard. Mark one goal "Teaching of the Bible." Start with the ball (the lesson), placed in mid-field on the 50-yard-line. Each correct answer to a question or successful memory verse quotation advances the ball 20 yards toward the class's winning goal. Three straight gains from the 50-yard line will result in a touchdown.

The Sunday school class team can suffer loss of yardage in two ways. For every incorrect answer there is a loss of ten yards. Also penalties for "too much time in a huddle"—talking instead of listening. This will result in a pupil's loss of ten yards.

The time of the game would be the time allotted to question time.

This same principle of points and penalties can be applied to basketball during the "cagers" season. Successful questions answered or quotations correctly given would be making a basket. A mistake or incorrect answer would be scored as a foul.

At the completion of a victorious series of games, the team captain (teacher) might call a pep rally. A record player could be brought to class and thrilling recordings of Bible stories or gospel songs played as a treat.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Andrew. Those who tried to imitate his wit and drollery were called "Merry Andrews," which term came to mean a clown or buffoon. The Northern Lights are known as "The Merry Dancers," because of their undulatory motion. The French call them "The Dancing Goats."

As can be seen, then, *merry* carried the double thought of might and mirth, and is used in both ways in Scripture. Doubtless it was the thought of gladness rather than greatness that the writer of the carol had in mind when he wrote *God rest you merry, Gentlemen!*

Spiritual merriment will be the Christian's as he muses upon the fact that through redemption, he became a child of God's family. When the prodigal returned, the happy father provided a feast and, making merry with all his friends, said, "It was meet that we should make

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merry . . . he was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found" (Luke 15: 29, 32). The word used here for *merry* means "to have an easy mind," which was what the father had, now that his wandering boy was back home. What a Merry Christmas in heaven, yes, and in many a praying home, this will be if only prodigals return to God. There is no limit to merriment in heaven when sinners repent (Luke 15: 7-10).

The same word is used by John for *merry* when he describes the mirth of the Beast over the death of the two witnesses. "They shall see their dead bodies . . . and make merry" (Rev. 11: 9, 10). The "easy mind" of the Beast and his followers will be of short duration, however, for the slain witnesses rise again and ascend on high (Rev. 11: 11, 12). The angels made merry at Christ's birth, but with Herod it was otherwise. His mind was not easy but "troubled." Murder and not mirth possessed his heart. The Pharisees laughed Jesus to scorn. How gleeful they must have been as they watched Christ die! But their heartless mirth was shortened for Jesus rose again, and is alive forevermore.

What is the source of your merriment this Christmas? Will it be the festivities, feasting, fun and frolic such a holy season has come to mean for multitudes around? If so, then your mirth will be as false and brief as that of Ahab's over the coveted vineyard of Naboth (2 Kings 21: 7-20). If, on the other hand, yours is the unrestrained joy of the sons of Jacob when they rediscovered Joseph and "drank and were merry with him" (Gen. 43: 34), then must come the

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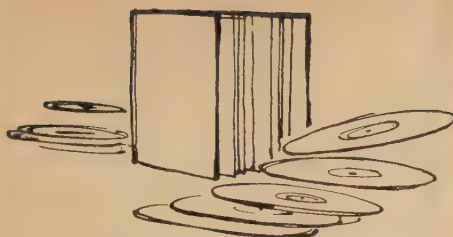
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Gay Carols Bring the Glad Tidings

RATHER than review specific Christmas recordings, I shall mention a few labels under which you will find several good selections appropriate to the season. All of the following have excellent Christmas music: Bibletone, Singspiration, International, Sacred, and WORD. This will enable me to mention some new releases which will be suitable for Christmas gifts. By the way, why not give records this year? They are enjoyed throughout the year.

I have been saying quite a lot lately about Super Recordings. I like the conscientious efforts they have been putting forth to secure suitable talent and to produce a fine disc from an engineering standpoint. I want to tell you about two seven-inch, 78-rpm pressings just received, which are beamed toward boys and girls of about junior age, I would judge. They are songs recorded by a group who call themselves *The Melody Mites*. There is some very good narration on some of the sides by "Aunt Margaret," I wouldn't know her actual identity. But she does nice work, particularly in the song, *The Old Clock*, a descriptive number which is rhythmic and appealing. The old favorite, *All Aboard The Gospel Train*, is among these, with sound effects by the singers themselves. Also a clever song called *Fishing*, the fourth side being *God Put A Rainbow In The Cloud*. It is gratifying to see that the recording companies are not forgetting the youngsters. That field hasn't been scratched as yet. I hope the producers will remember that kids don't want "goody-goody," sissy stuff; they consider themselves quite sophisticated and grown-up these days. They must be appealed to upon a higher level than 50 years ago. The workers who realize that and act upon it will have successful response to their productions.

Once in a while I hear a voice which I regard as one hundred per cent for recording. That means its quality is smooth with clear diction and enunciation, and truly conveys the spiritual message of the song. I have just heard one of those voices, a tenor, Don Rutledge. Formerly he was with the Westmont College Male Quartet, some of whose records were reviewed in this column several months ago. These two ten-inch, 78-RPM recordings are simply beautiful. I am saving them for my own personal collection, and to use in my own radio program over one of the Chicago stations. For accompaniment, Rutledge uses piano, organ, (names not known, but beautifully done), and violin by Stan Hollingsworth. The all over effect is most satisfying. And the pressings were made by RCA-Victor, which guarantees precision stamping, and noiseless surface. I can't

say enough in recommending these. The four numbers are *The Old Rugged Cross*; *Lord, I Want A Diadem*; *The Ninety And Nine*; and *Amazing Grace*. Be sure to get them.

Maybe it was the way I was feeling at the time, but a new WORD release of the Religious Hour Choir of Baylor University, with John Breland, tenor soloist, singing *He's Got The Whole World In His Hand*, stirred me. It is so well done. The voice of the soloist is most pleasing, and the support of the choir in accompaniment passages is par excellence. The other side of the record is devoted to a choir arrangement of D. B. Towner's gospel song, *At Calvary*. There is spoken narration, during the piece, of a portion from Isaiah 53. The narrator's voice is beautiful for that kind of thing, but some of his inflections and emphasis could be improved greatly. Also, he is guilty of one of my pet aversions in the matter of pronunciation, rather mispronunciation, of the word "chastisement." If there is one field, in my opinion, where there should be accuracy in grammar and pronunciation, it is in the gospel ministry and public reading of the Bible. Don't let this comment keep you from this recording, however.

■ I want to mention also some new Singspiration releases by the Musical Ministers Quartet. There are twelve new sides by this group, but there are a few which I like particularly. Ackley's *Sunrise Tomorrow* is played as a trombone solo by Whitney Dough, with vocal accompaniment, and it is exceedingly well done. He gets a lovely tone on the brass instrument. I like Rod McWhorter's tenor voice singing *Were You There?* And the quartet singing *What A Wondrous Love* (listen for the bass voice in this). Also a number called *Broken*, which I hadn't heard before; and *In The Twinkling Of An Eye*, and *Sometime* (Harkness). In my opinion, this is good male quartet singing. END

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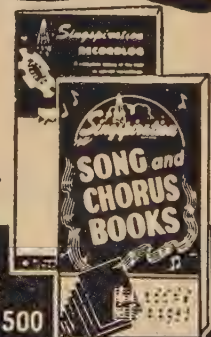
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"Humph!" It was what the office girl had dubbed his "sardonic syllable," but this time it was full of stored hatred. He rubbed his face as if to blot out the words.

"Let earth receive her King' are the next words, Sir."

"Hummmmmmmph!" The tone told Jimmy that his boss was thinking. "Boy!" he continued, "dig me up a Bible." He placed a five dollar bill on the desk. "A Bible ought to say something about Christmas." He laughed, but there was no real laughter in his voice.

Trembling, Jimmy reached into his hip pocket and took out his small New Testament. "Will this do, Sir?"

As the editor took the Book, Jimmy noticed that it fell open to the page where he had underlined the words, "He came unto His own, but His own received Him not."

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Man does not choose the Lord and thereby becomes an elect, but rather he chooses the Lord because he is one of the elect.

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After reading the words, Bill Connor said, "Let earth receive her king," as though thinking aloud. Then, tracing beneath the passage with his fingers, he read aloud, "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I . . . but ye would not . . . These things have I spoken . . . that your joy might be full . . ."

Quickly, the editor turned to his typewriter, rolling in a fresh sheet of paper. On his face was the glow of creative fire.

Jimmy, realizing that he was no longer needed, backed away, resuming his "get set" position. The office girl sighed, apparently relieved. In the pressroom the men grinned. "Old Man's got going," Jimmy heard one of them say. "Won't be long now."

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On the day after Christmas the small Clarion staff discussed the holiday.

"Some job the boss did," the office girl said to Jimmy.

"Yeah, but Christmas is over and here he comes," said the office cynic before Jimmy had a chance to answer.

Bill Connor entered, grunting his greeting. Bitterness and disappointment again clouded his eyes. Jimmy felt the editor's whole being was saying, "What's the use! Same old Christmas, same old ties, same old drunks, same old hang-overs!" That's what he had said the year before.

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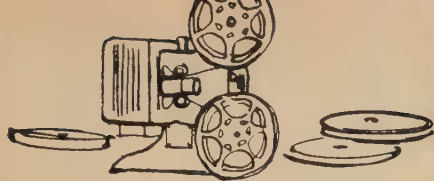
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A VERY unusual film having a rather strong heart appeal has come to us from the studios of J. Arthur Rank's Religious Films Limited. It is entitled, *The Promise*, and runs for 45 minutes in black and white. It quite effectively leads those seeing it to realize more fully what the Savior meant when He said He would send a Comforter to be with His own after He returned to the Father.

The story is not highly dramatic or fast moving, but has a rather unique way of making one "feel" its intensity. The message unfolds as a young prison chaplain searches for that which warmed his predecessor's life. This search begins with a prison cell visit and moves through narrow alleys, across landed estates, into humble homes and flats and within the walls of museums and churches. His determination bears fruit as gradually he realizes that the older man, now deceased, had believed Christ's promise and allowed the Holy Spirit to be his indwelling help.

This film does more showing than telling, saying more by reflection than directly. Perhaps this will tend to make it more effective with mature Christians who can understand the depth of thought portrayed in many places. It is almost a classic in its area.

Technically, the only thing which may bother most audiences is the English accent on the sound track. However, the film is long enough for them to become accustomed to it. It is primarily for adults and young people. There are many places for its use, such as men's brotherhoods, various women's groups and young people's meetings. It would be ideal as a New Year's Eve film to help with the program that night. Rental is from United World Films libraries and various religious film renters.

■ I would like to call your attention to the new filmstrip released by Cathedral Films entitled, *Holy Night*. There are 64 frames in color which were taken largely from their motion picture of the same name. The film was released just before Christmas last year and received the C. Y. C. Award this spring.

This strip shows how the prophecies of Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah and indicates the position of the event in Jewish history. I think this approach is excellent since so much of our Christmas material is similar and ignores the great prophetic significance of the Savior's birth.

The color is good, the story is well represented in the picture, and the settings shown are authentic. It can also be obtained in black and white for those with small budgets. Several combinations are available with recorded narration on either 78-rpm records or long-playing discs. Pur-

chase can be made at many Cathedral and religious supply dealers.

■ *Banderilla*, a soul-stirring motion picture that wraps you up in its story. It takes you to Spain where a condition of religious and social intolerance has little equal outside the Iron Curtain. In about fifty minutes of color sound film, it unfolds a composite dramatic enactment of how fanatical devotees of Romanism manage to inflict great physical misery and much sorrow upon evangelical Christians.

The story centers around a seventeen-year-old Spanish boy and his family, based on facts secured in Spain by Rev. Paul E. Freed. Pedro Sarrantes brings the personal attention of a newspaperman upon himself. While selling drinking water, he fails to recognize The Madonna as it passes by in the Semana Santa, Seville's annual Holy Week procession. A conversation, a ticket to the bull fight and possession of a coveted banderilla follow. Further development of the story shows Pedro's father and the newspaperman to be university classmates. In the ensuing footage, Dr. Sarrantes becomes the dramatic vehicle for the gripping, central message of this film. Pedro carries a very important message regarding the youth in his land.

You will find this film to be rather exciting in places, very serious in others, and heart stirring in the main. It has a high emotional pull which is more the result of what it shows than that of being merely dramatic. It is extremely fair in its treatment of religious intolerance and is thereby more convincing.

An over-all technical evaluation would place it as good. Strong points in dramatic quality off-set weaker ones in color and photography. The dialogue with a slight



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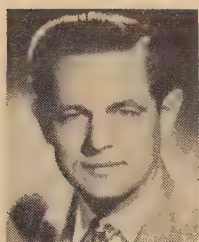


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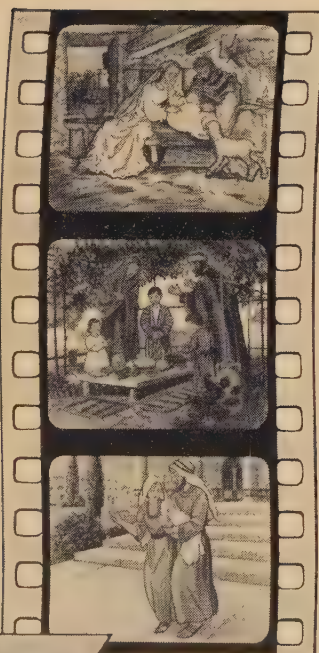
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■ Another film just out which has a strong appeal for use around the first of the year is called, *Dedicated Men*. This 28-minute sound picture is a motivational film. It asks men to say that all they have and are belongs to God to use where He wills. The story is one about a missionary chapel work begun by a large congregation. The mission church grows and larger quarters are needed if the work is to continue. The film shows some of the familiar problems of Sunday school space and crowded quarters any growing congregation faces. It points out how these problems can be met and solved by truly dedicated men—men who stay close to Christ. Another point rather well made by the film concerns what

**It is not who we are but Whose we are,
not where we are but where we're going.**

some call the "over-zealous member." He is termed by the pastor, in answer to a critical remark, as: "... only a man who is what he believes ... living proof of his faith in God." An important thing I found tucked away in this film is an answer to the plea of heavy business pressures when it comes to a few hours of service in the church.

There is a very strong emphasis on service to the church in this film which some may want to criticize as being too much dwelt on. However, for myself, I was not bothered by it since early in the film the pastor points out rather unmistakably that you must "... stay close to Him if you are to serve Him well."

It is a well done and fully interesting film and can be a helpful aid in impressing men of the church with their responsibilities for service. It would be excellent for a brotherhood meeting or for general use as well. It also has a solid evangelistic approach which will bear fruit in dedicated lives. It was made for Broadman Films by Family Films. Rental can be had from Baptist educational libraries and independent film renters specializing in church needs.

■ A film having an interesting and very informative message concerning a mission field often forgotten bears the title, *God's Other Children*. This 27-minute color film tells the true story of the practical evangelical ministry of the Gospel as promoted by the Home of Onesiphorous among the displaced Palestinian Arabs and the Bedouins at the Near East Boy's Home near Beirut, Lebanon.

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END

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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recognition of Jesus as the heavenly Joseph, not only as the Savior of the World, but as your own personal Savior.

While on this subject of Christmas merriment, a word is sufficient as to the paradox of our faith. "The merry-hearted sigh," says Isaiah (24: 7). What a seeming contradiction! Songs and sobs as companions! Paul subscribes to such a paradox when he speaks of the saint as "sorrowful yet always rejoicing." Christ's head was anointed with the oil of gladness, and also bore a crown of thorns. Paul confined to a dingy dungeon could write, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, I say rejoice" (Phil. 4: 4). The deeper and more spiritual our joy, the greater our capacity for sorrow. "The joy of the Lord is our strength." The wine of the Spirit, and not mere natural wine (Eccl. 10: 19), maketh the heart unfailingly merry (Eph. 5: 18-20).

Christ born in the heart is the only source of the "joy unspeakable and full of glory," making us a constant blessing to those in need who are strangers to the gladness of the Gospel. "Is any merry?" (James 5: 13). This is the holy mirth which, springing from grace, is deserving of greater commendation than that of which Solomon speaks when he urges a man "to eat, drink, and be merry" (Eccl. 8: 15). The heart Christ enters and makes merry has a continual feast (Prov. 15: 15). Jesus went to His Cross singing a hymn. God knows we live in a sick, miserable world. May He add to our merriment this Christmastide by providing us with a merry heart doing good like medicine (Prov. 17: 22).

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DEADLINE

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"But Mr. Connor, this is for you personally. I think you may want to answer it."

Bill Connor took the letter with what the office gang termed his "martyr's attitude."

Silence reigned while he read the letter. Then he read it again. Finally, as though in a daze, he handed the letter to Jimmy and sat down at his desk, his head in his hands.

"Dere Mister Editor:" Jimmy read, "Mom and me want to thank you for helping us out with my Pop. We have been prayin' for a long time that Pop would give his hart to Jesus. When he red your pece in the paper he said if Jesus could crack a tuf nut like you there must be somethin' to Him. He's going to church with me and Mom this Sunday. It was your pece that done it. Your lovin friend, Mary Jo Morris ps Mom said to tell you she was glad our

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editor is a chrischun. ps 2 I live too doors north of the school house."

As Jimmy laid the letter on the editor's desk, Bill Connor aroused himself and rolled a paper in the typewriter. He hesitated, rummaged through a drawer of his desk and came up with a sheet of note paper. He looked it over critically and took his pen from his pocket. Then he glanced up at Jimmy.

"Still got that Bible?" he asked.

"Yes, Sir. I always carry it."

"How come?"

"My Sunday school teacher gave it to me for learning the most verses of anybody in our class. She told me to always carry it, 'cause I'd never know when it would come in handy—like the other day, Sir." Jimmy smiled.

"Humph, smart girl. So you go to Sunday school and learn verses? Anybody but kids go?"

"Yes, Sir, my mom and pop go all the time." Jimmy tried not to sound too eager. "Pop says it's better'n church for him, even though he likes Rev. Kerr lots."

Bill Connor's weary eyes seemed to look through and beyond Jimmy. He sighed, his face a mixture of emotions. Finally a crooked smile broke over his face.

"That's good son. Now stand by, I have an important letter to be delivered." He picked up his pen and Jimmy watched him write.

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Bill Connor came in the door. "Morning," he said hesitantly. Jimmy felt embarrassed at the silence, even though it lasted only a moment. "Morning boss," the staff said, almost in unison.

He placed a package on the table. "I stopped to buy these." He was unwrapping the package. Then facing them again, he grinned, slightly abashed. I guess everyone in town knows what happened last night. Well, the parson gave me a Bible to carry in my pocket, so I bought one for each of you."

Jimmy noticed that at first the staff just stared at the proffered Bibles. Then they accepted them gingerly, mumbling their thanks.

"Last night," he continued, "I turned this newspaper over to the King. He thinks that a new routine is in order." He hesitated, as when stepping on unfamiliar ground. He squared his shoulders and searched each face before him. "From here on," he said, "we will begin each day by reading in these books and learning to pray. Parson's promised to help with that." He drew a deep breath. "Well, I guess that when you start something you begin at the beginning." He opened his Bible and began to read:

"In the beginning God . . ." END

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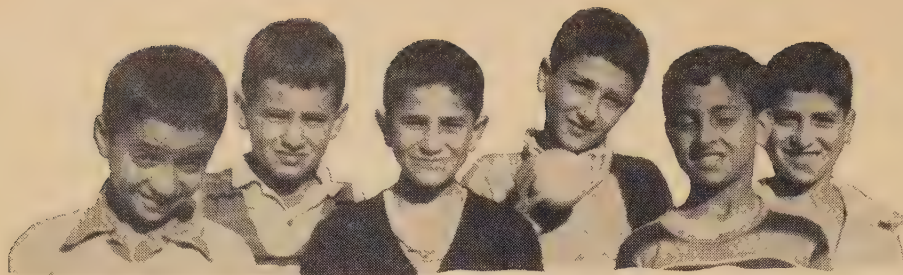
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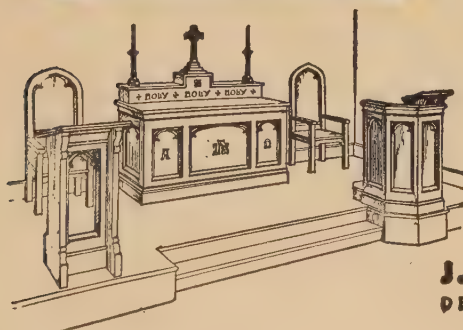
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WHICH VERSION?

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by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.' But of Israel he says, 'All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.'

In connection with these verses, the R.S.V. footnote refers us to Isaiah 65: 1, 2. Turning to Isaiah, we find that the version renders the first part of 65: 1 as follows: "I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me." By twice inserting the words "ready to be," which are not contained in the

Praying stops sinning and sinning
stops praying.

King James Version, it reverses the meaning of the verse, and contradicts the use of it by St. Paul. Yet there is not a shred of evidence of any kind to warrant the change in the text. It is not based upon any manuscript discovery or any linguistic advance. It is solely the result of the bias of the translators. Its result is to make Paul appear to be a blundering fool, and to deny his teaching that all that was occurring was in accord with God's plan as predicted through His holy prophets. Yet, as in many other places, there is not even a footnote to indicate that the translators have entirely departed from the Hebrew original.

If space permitted, many other instances could be pointed out, most of them as bad as this one, and some a great deal worse. The version causes most of the great evangelical doctrines of the New Testament entirely to disappear from some of the Old Testament passages on which the New Testament writers profess to base them.

Let the interested reader take the King James Version and the R.S.V. and compare them for himself. Let him note how the R.S.V. substitutes "startle" for "sprinkle" in Isaiah 52: 15, thus eliminating from the passage its prediction of the wonderful fact recorded in I Peter 1: 1, 2 that people of many nations would be saved through sprinkling with the blood of Jesus Christ. Let him note how it changes "kiss the Son" to "kiss his feet" in Psalm 2: 11, eliminating the specific reference to the Son of God, even though v. 7 of the same psalm explicitly declares His Sonship, and is quoted as so doing in the New Testament. In both of these instances the R.S.V. has a footnote saying that the Hebrew text is uncertain. Actually the uncertainty is mostly in the minds of the translators. The word which the King James Version translates here as "sprinkle" is rendered the same way in many other passages of the R.S.V. and is never translated "startle" in any other Hebrew passage any-

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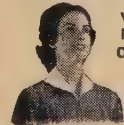
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where. Similarly, the word which the
 King James Version translates as "Son"
 is so rendered three times elsewhere in
 the R.S.V. itself, and could never possi-
 bly mean "his feet." Not having a
 sound theological position has led the
 translators to imagine uncertainty.

We shall briefly note a few other strik-
 ing instances. In Psalm 16: 10 the
 changed rendering of the R.S.V. reduces
 the words of Peter in Acts 2: 27 and
 those of Paul in Acts 13: 35 to an ab-
 surdity. In Isaiah 7: 14 the change of a
 word does away with Matthew's argu-
 ment in Matt. 1: 23 that the virgin
 birth of Christ was predicted by Isaiah.
 In Micah 5: 2 the R.S.V., with no text-
 ual warrant whatever, changes the state-
 ment of Christ's activity in ancient days
 to a statement that he had an "origin"
 and thus was not God, but only a created
 being. These and many other passages
 show that no one who rejects the depend-
 ability of the Bible as a source of truth
 can make a correct translation of the Old
 Testament. This version does not try to
 tell us what the Hebrew means. Its
 changes are founded on no new discov-
 eries or other evidence, but solely on the
 unwillingness of the unregenerate heart
 to believe what God has revealed.

Since the R.S.V. New Testament gives
 mainly what the Greek actually says, and
 God, who is the author of both Testa-
 ments, wrote the two in such a way that
 their statements agree, the changes in this
 version of the Old Testament often cause
 it to contradict its own version of the
 New Testament.

We have mentioned that there is one
 great flaw in the New Testament which
 must be balanced against its many good
 features. This is its constant implied re-
 jection of the historic Christian teaching
 of the deity of Christ. The version has
 abandoned the old singular pronouns
 thou, thee, and thine, except as applied
 to God (and to the harlot city of Baby-
 lon, cf. Rev. 18: 10, 14, 22, 23). Satan,
 human beings, and Jesus Christ, are uni-
 formly addressed as "you." Even where
 Peter makes his great confession of faith
 in Christ's deity, in Matt. 16: 16, James
 is still addressed with the pronoun used
 for man and not with that which the
 version uses for God! This is incompre-
 hensible, unless it means that the words
 "You are the Son of the living God" are
 meant only in the sense that any man
 might be called a son of God. Even after
 His resurrection from the dead, Jesus is
 still addressed as "you!"

Despite the many clear statements of
 the deity of Christ in the actual text of
 this version of the New Testament, this
 constant placing of Jesus in the category
 of man and sharply distinguishing that of
 God tends to discount them and to make
 a firm impression of denial of the great
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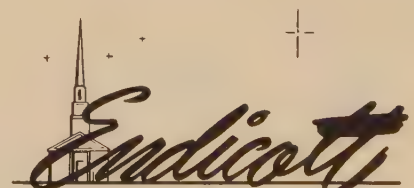
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If, then, the Revised Standard Version is decidedly not the right one to select for a friend, what are the other possibilities?

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the way of life, and come to saving faith in Christ. After that point has been reached, he will be ready to take God's Word alone as his guide, needing no human authorization, and will naturally desire a better translation.

Another Protestant version that is available is the American Standard Version. This was a revision of the King James Version, prepared by American scholars and first published in 1901. It contains little of the modernism which pervades the R.S.V. version of the Old Testament. Occasionally its renderings throw new light on a passage, or open up an angle that would be missed by a reader of the Authorized Version. Every Bible student should possess a copy of it. Yet its language retains almost as many archaic forms as are in the King James Version, it has a few unwholesome traces of modernism, and its language lacks the beauty and grace which characterizes the King James Version. Although intended to supplant that version, it has failed to win general acceptance.

In addition to the new Revised Standard Version, there are two other versions of the whole Bible in modern speech that are occasionally found in bookstores. One is the so-called American Translation, prepared by a group of scholars under the direction of two members of the faculty of the University of Chicago. The other is the version prepared by the late Professor James Moffat of Union Seminary, who, like the translator of the New Testament in the American Ver-

sion, was himself a member of the committee that prepared the R.S.V. Both of these are thoroughly "modernistic" versions, and their "modernism" is often more apparent than that of the R. S. V.

There are available a number of excellent translations in modern speech of the New Testament alone, such as those of Weymouth, Montgomery, Williams, and Verkuyl. The latter is called "the Berkeley Version" after the city in which its translator lives. Most of these were prepared by true believers. Each is the work of one man, rather than of a group. Each has its own special excellencies. After all, the infallible Word of God consists of the original Hebrew and Greek, not primarily of any English translation. All these versions are of real value to the Bible student, enabling him to understand his Bible better, but no one of them is good enough to replace the King James Version, nor do any of them include the entire Bible.

This leaves the King James Version, which has so long stood as the Bible of the English-speaking world. Is it still the best Bible to give to a friend?

The advertisements of the R.S.V. speak as if there were many errors in the King James Bible, but its translators, if they were living today, could make a very good argument for most of their interpretations. Although many new manuscripts have been discovered, their effect on the text of the King James Version generally applies only to extremely minor points. The one exception is the fact that in a very few instances new manuscripts lead us to suspect that a brief portion of the New Testament is a later addition, and not part of the original Bible. Most of the instances of this type were clearly indicated as long ago as 1909 in the notes of the Scofield Reference Bible.

Since the King James Version was made, there have been many new archaeological discoveries. These enable us to identify certain material objects mentioned in the Bible more accurately, but do not affect any doctrinal teaching.

The most valid part of the argument which the proponents of the Revised Standard Version raise against the King James Version is the fact that the English language has changed in three hundred years. Many words have become obsolete, while others have greatly changed their meaning. The English reader who is unfamiliar with the original language needs a version which he can understand more easily than one made so long ago. Yet his need of one that is true to the original is even greater. No version made by those who reject the great doctrines of Christianity can possibly fill the need. In the main, the interpretations of the King James Version still stand, and any attempt to alter them in the interest of "modernism" is extremely dangerous.

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STRATEGIC WEEK END

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Milt threw psychological terminology at each other like college kids using slang. Cathy thought with amused tolerance. Slowly, she realized, other conversation around them had stopped. Everyone was listening.

"I liked your book, Kirby," Lee said, "refreshing approach. Until you got to the last chapter." His eyes twinkled. "There you played to the Sunday school crowd. A cheap trick. Sells more books, though."

Cathy felt Milt stiffen. She prayed as he answered, "On the contrary, Lee, my whole principle of speech therapy is based on the stutterer finding himself spiritually. Psychotherapy may help. Many times it does. But I give the spiritual rehabilitation I explained in that chapter credit for every case I've treated with any measure of success."

There was a silence. Cathy was thankful to hear the tinkle of silver against a glass and see Dr. Deen standing. He napkined his heavily moustached mouth, held up a hand for silence.

"Now if Lee and Kirby down at the other end of the table can stop settling the stutterer's problem at present, we'll proceed." There was polite, good natured laughter. Cathy relaxed.

Deen continued, praising the strides of the department in the past year, particularly the fast growing clinic.

"As you well know, we need a new wing for the building. We need new play equipment. That takes money, and we don't have it. So our beach outing at Lee's cabin will have two purposes. To give the youngsters a good time. Get them on a good footing with the wives of our faculty. And," he paused, took a large gulp of water, "and to interest Mrs. Whitford in making us a substantial donation. She's to be our special guest that week end, observing the work ostensibly. Investigating would be a more likely word. So we leave it to the ladies to do the job of selling her on our work."

Lee jumped to his feet, proposed a toast to the ladies and to the success of their endeavor. The waiters filled the liquor glasses. Cathy and Milt drank the toast in water.

Committees were announced, dates settled for meetings, the evening concluded. Mrs. Lee, blond, tall, and somewhat artificial looking, undertook to explain to Cathy about the beach week end.

"While the men have student conferences during registration week, we take the clinic children down each year to our cabin at Newport. It's nice there this time of year. We swim, sail, fish. The kids love it. Have you done any clinic work, Mrs. Kirby?"

Cathy admitted she hadn't. "I love children, though. And I've worked with them in recreational programs."

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On the way home, Milt held Cathy's hand. "They're quite a bunch, aren't they?"

"Yes, I was frightened at first. I'm a little scared about this coming week end. If only you'd be there, too."

He chuckled. "And be the only man? No thanks. It's a strictly female enterprise, with the goal being relieving this Whitford woman of a lot of cash. Lee was telling me she's very eccentric."

Later, when Cathy remembered that remark, she considered it a masterpiece of understatement.

The week end got off to a noisy start, bustling some forty youngsters into the various cars and station wagons. Deaf children, aphasia cases, stutterers, lispers, two cerebral palsy youngsters. Cathy watched with admiration the gracious, kind, patient way the wives handled the children. She drove four deaf children in her car.

The food was excellent, the cabin spacious. *This is going to be fun*, she thought.

Mrs. Whitford was tiny and stooped with a mouth like a cloth that's been puckered by a too-tight thread. She acknowledged the introductions with a sharp nod and perched primly in a straight chair.

Two of the faculty wives were preparing the children for sailing while the others waited in the parlor. One by one they tried to include Mrs. Whitford in conversation, but with no success.

Cathy thought with sinking heart that if they failed to please her, it would greatly hinder Milt's work.

Four of the women went sailing the first time, five stayed behind. Cathy wasn't a water enthusiast so she was glad to stay. Mrs. McCann suggested a hand of bridge. Two of the other ladies enthusiastically agreed. Mrs. McCann invited Mrs. Whitford, to Cathy's relief, but the puckered mouth announced firmly, "I never play cards."

Mrs. McCann calmly went about putting up the card table, saying, "We'll take you to the cleaners for a penny a point, Mrs. Kirby. All winnings go to the clinic fund, you know."

Cathy wished the floor would swallow her, as she said quietly, "I'm sorry, I don't play either."

"What a shame. Then we don't have a fourth!" Mrs. McCann's glance was annoyed.

The five of them sat in embarrassed silence for some time. Mrs. Deen asked Cathy where her girlhood home was and, to make conversation, Cathy launched an elaborate description. It was a diffi-

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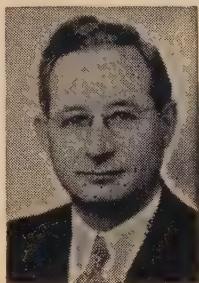
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Saturday was no better. Mrs. Whitford showed no signs of thawing. Beneath their polite exteriors, Cathy felt a tension in the group. Also, she didn't seem to be able to get close to any of the women. The happiest hour was the afternoon swim.

It was Saturday night when she made her decision. From the first she wondered if it would be wise to make a point of going to church Sunday. Obviously that was not on the day's agenda. She noticed a small community church a mile up the road.

After the children were safely tucked in bed, she went out onto the lanai where the others were having martinis

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Mrs. Lee was pouring. "Something for a parched throat, my dear?"

"No thank you." There was no evidence of lemonade or coke. While the others were busy she took a seat beside Mrs. Lee and, trying not to sound scared or apologetic, asked, "Did you have any plans for me for tomorrow morning?"

"No, let's see—it's McCann and Nichols for the hike around the island. You're quite free."

"Thank you. I thought perhaps I'd go to church. I could be back to help serve lunch."

Mrs. Lee's face was a mask. Her tone impersonal, almost cold as she nodded. "Anything you like. The others will be sleeping in late, so be quiet as you leave. Thorenson is helping me with a breakfast picnic at the point for the children." She dropped her voice, "I really don't know what Mrs. Whitford will do—sleep, or go to the picnic. She's beyond me!" Mrs. Lee dabbed angrily at a spot on the table with her napkin. Her tone and manner certainly conveyed that Cathy was beyond her, too.

I've failed Milt with this crowd, Cathy thought miserably, as she brushed her hair that morning. But—well it wasn't just that she'd had a perfect attendance at Sunday school since she was a little girl. Nothing that simple! *If I am to be true to myself and my Lord at all,* she decided, *they'll simply have to like me for the kind of a person I am.* It was pretty plain that they only tolerated her, though. She put on her hat, took her Bible, gloves and purse, and left.

As she was tiptoeing down the hall she heard Mrs. Whitford call in an imperious stage whisper, "Young woman! Mrs. Kirby, where are you going?"

Surprised, Cathy answered, "To church. I tried to be quiet and not wake anyone." She felt like they were prac-

tically shouting outside everyone's bedroom door.

The grey-haired figure disappeared back into the room, returned with an elaborately decorated hat set squarely on her head. "I'll go with you," she announced firmly.

Driving the short distance to the church, Mrs. Whitford made a longer speech than she had the entire week end. "Glad to see somebody in this crowd knows what Sunday's for. Heartless bunch of young sophisticates! They want to help the handicapped youngsters. Well, they can't do it by leaving God out. Those tykes need entertainment and fun and love. But they need Sunday school, too." Her back was rigid, her steps sure as they entered the small white chapel. Cathy followed shyly.

On the way home, Mrs. Whitford continued as though their talk had been uninterrupted. "Oh I know what they're after. Well, let me tell you something, young woman." She placed her gloved hand on Cathy's arm as she drove. "The reason I've never given a penny of my husband's estate to the university clinic is because they go at it the wrong way. Mr. Whitford was a Christian." Her voice shook. Cathy stopped for a light and glanced over to see that the firm mouth was trembling a little.

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"Think I'll have a talk with Dr. Lee when we get back to the city. I could let 'em have fifty thousand, but mind you, only if they let your husband do things his way."

Cathy drove into the driveway and saw the astonished faces on the porch. Mrs. Lee was halfway down the steps before they climbed out. "Mrs. Whitford! We've been worried about you. We thought you were sleeping late. Then about an hour ago I called and when no one answered I was frantic." She turned accusing eyes on Cathy. "Where did you find her?" But the grey-haired woman answered primly.

"It is my custom to attend Sunday school and morning worship. Fortunately, one in your midst is of like mind."

Glancing neither to the right or the left, she ascended the steps, crossed the porch and continued to her room.

On impulse, Cathy leaned forward and squeezed Mrs. Lee's hand. "She's letting us have the money. Don't let on. Tell you about it later." Mrs. Lee's face registered first incredulity, then joy as she hugged Cathy briefly and walked with her arm around Cathy's waist, back to the others on the porch.

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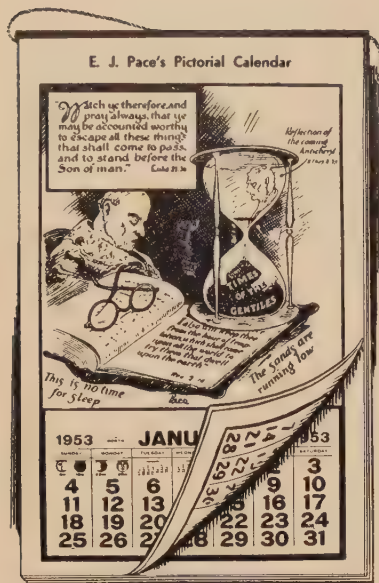
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A few days later Forrest mentioned this young man's case at a Wednesday night prayer meeting in the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. The following day a woman told him she stayed awake that night thinking about this boy. Something should be done. There should be a school for men like him. When Forrest agreed with her, she turned, pointed her finger at him, and said, "You should start such a school."

Shortly after he heard about a school which had started and failed in Golden Valley, N. C. He bought the foundation for \$1,000, and the Forrests finished the building themselves. "I can still see Mrs. Forrest nailing on shingles, and what a beautiful mess I made of plastering," he chuckles.

Their faith met a severe test two years later. Preaching in Miami in March 1913, Forrest got a telegram from his wife, "Institute burned to the ground today. Come home at once." He woke everyone in his sleeping car that night crying, "Fire! Fire!" in his sleep.

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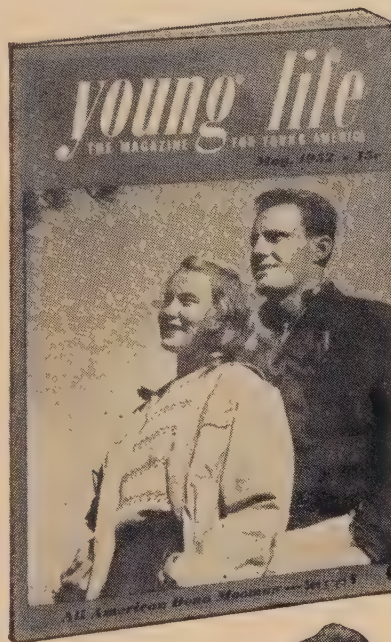
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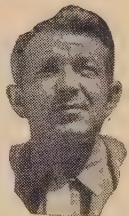
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der difficult conditions, harassed by the indebtedness left from the fire plus the responsibility of building a new campus, the school would have discouraged anyone of lesser faith than Robert and Evelyn Forrest. But they plugged away and trusted God. He never failed them.

Toccoa Falls was started in 1911. New buildings were added slowly. First was LeTourneau Hall, a combination auditorium, gymnasium, dining room and dormitory; then a shop, married housing units and faculty houses.

On August 3, 1950, while Forrest was preaching in Roanoke, Va., on the text, "I will trust and not be afraid," a second disastrous fire burned LeTourneau Hall.

Then on January 23, 1951, fire struck again—this time the machine shop. On the way home from prayer meeting in town, Forrest passed the building and all was quiet. He was hardly home when he was called back to see the building in flames.

With their main building down, reconstruction had to begin immediately in August, 1950. It was decided to decentralize and build two buildings.

LeTourneau Hall was dedicated in February, with scores of testimonies of answered prayer.

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His great ambition is to see Toccoa Falls enter the third stage of its growth. In his mind he has charted the school's progress in three periods: survival, expansion and approval.

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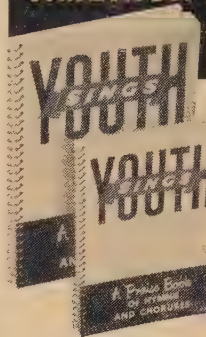
When I first introduced myself to Lt. Peterson, I explained that I was a missionary and correspondent, and that I had been interested in his story. I now asked him, "Have you ever thanked the Lord for sparing your life?"

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In his recorded testimony, which I am sending to his wife, he said, "I cleared my soul and asked God to forgive me . . . He spared my life and cleansed my soul."

I moved to the next bed and greeted Deaaporta Antonis from the Greek Bat-

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talion. I had spent an evening with Hellenic Expeditionary Forces in Korea and described for him an astonishingly courageous attack I had seen his men make on Big Nori.

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"Would you like to know how to be saved?"

"Yes," he replied.

After a few minutes of explaining the Word of God, we bowed our heads and I heard John pray, "I have wandered far from You, God, and I am sorry for my sins. I hope You will come into my heart and help me to walk with You."

After his prayer, I asked him what had happened. He said, without hesitation, "I've been saved. I believe very much. I'm very happy."

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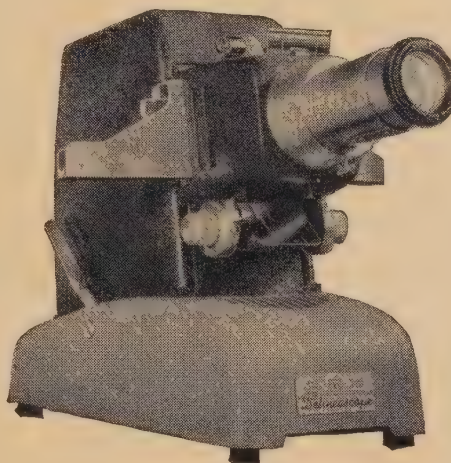
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■ How should Christian parents deal with the Santa Claus problem?

Christian parents should make the Christmas story very real and vivid to the children by reading the gospel accounts in family devotions, thus making perfectly clear that we celebrate Christmas as the birthday of the Lord Jesus. Little children are intrigued with Santa Claus, but very early they can understand that he is but the personification of the Christmas spirit. We noted in our home with our four boys that at a very young age they understood that there was no real Santa Claus, that Christmas gifts came from mother and dad, the grandparents and others. Christian parents should exalt the Savior to their children, and Santa Claus is thus cared for.

■ When we Christians stand before the judgment seat of Christ, will we have to account for our sins committed after our salvation, both forgiven and unforgiven?

The child of God, upon receiving the Lord Jesus as his Savior, becomes a "new creature in Christ," and the sins of the past are under the precious blood and are forgiven. Sins committed after his conversion are to be forgiven by his repentance and confession to the Savior and, if necessary, to others (I John 1:8-9). Such sins which are unforgiven will be faced at the judgment seat of Christ. If we judge ourselves now and have these sins under the precious blood, "we should not be judged" (I Cor. 11:31).

■ Is it right to have a funeral service in the local church for loved ones, friends or even outsiders when the deceased is known to have been unsaved?

The church building should not be denied for a funeral service whether or not the deceased made any profession of faith, was a suicide, or any other unfortunate circumstance. However, the message at the funeral service should proclaim the way of life to the loved ones who remain, and while not giving unnecessary affront to them, should not give any false hopes for the departed. Prayerful and tactful presentation of the Word of God can then be used to point sorrowing hearts to the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ Where will the saints of the first resurrection and those taken up in the rapture dwell during the thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth?

The Scriptures teach that believers (both Old Testament and New) who are now "absent from the body" are "present with

the Lord" in Paradise. At the coming of Christ they will receive their resurrection body when the living saints are raptured, and thus "ever to be with the Lord." Whether or not all of them will be on the earth with their Lord during the millennium, or whether those who do come with Him will continue throughout the thousand year period, is not stated in the Scripture.

■ My husband has never been a tither or a liberal giver. There have been times when he has given me money to pay a bill then forgotten he gave it to me and has given it to me again. That money I had the joy of sending to some needy person. Was I wrong in taking it the second time?

The Scripture makes it perfectly plain that we are to "provide things honest in the sight of all men." Prayer and Christian consistency on your part will do more to help your husband come to the joy of liberal stewardship than any other procedure. It would have been proper to inform your husband that the bill had been paid. I do not think the Lord can bless money used for His cause when obtained under a false impression.

■ Is it possible for one to be saved and not know it?

It is possible for one to be saved and not to understand all about salvation. Furthermore it is possible for one to be born again of the Spirit of God and not to have some dynamic spiritual experience as is true of others. To the one who has become truly a child of God the Spirit of the Lord will make real the assurance of faith through the Word of God. A lack of assurance often is the result of a continuation in a given sin, or by disobedience to the revealed will of God. Repentance and obedience bring assurance of forgiveness. One should be definite that he has received the Lord Jesus as his own Savior (John 1:12), and thereafter obey Him implicitly in the study of the Word, in prayer and in open confession of the Savior.

■ I have been asked to withdraw my membership from a local church and, because of bitterness, I want nothing to do with the church.

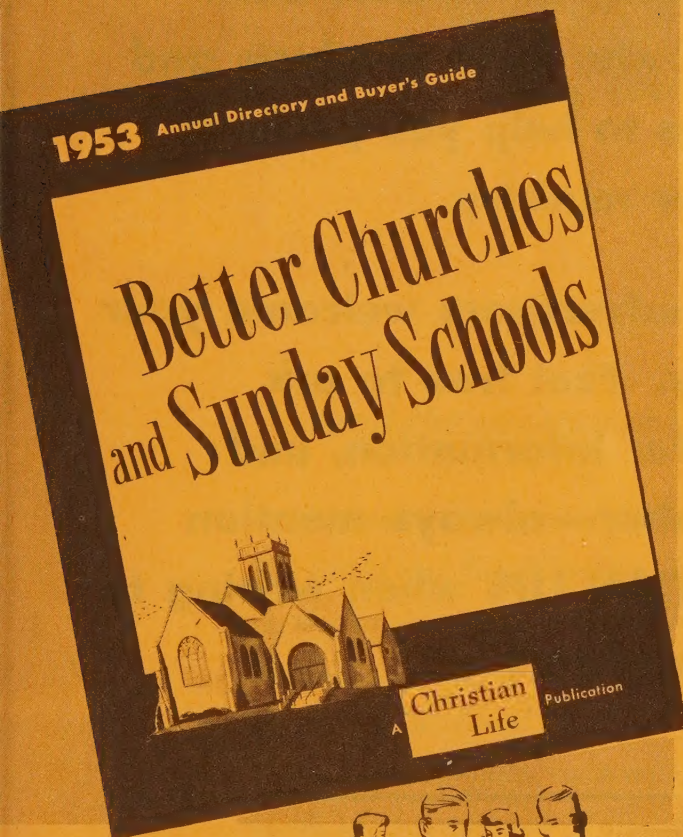
If you have been asked to withdraw from a church, the chances are that your conduct and character have been unbecoming to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even if you were in the right, and have been grievously wronged in this matter, you should follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ found in I Peter 2:23.

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